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Dos Santos Speaks on Cuban Withdrawal, Namibia
AB291200 Luanda ANGOP in French 1800 GMT 27 Aug 83

[Text] Luanda, 27 Aug (ANGOP) — "We do not accept that one demands the withdrawal of Cuban forces from Angola. What is needed instead is the unconditional and immediate withdrawal of the racist troops who have been occupying part of our territory in the south of Angola," Jose Eduardo dos Santos, the president of the MPLA-Labor Party and the People's Republic of Angola, stated on the arrival in Luanda of UN Secretary General Perez de Cuellar. The Angolan head of state, who was addressing a rally staged in protest against imperialist maneuvers on the Namibian problem and against South Africa's acts of aggression against the People's Republic of Angola, reiterated the party and government's position on the issues.

The Angolan leader made it plain that "one must demand the immediate, unconditional withdrawal of South African troops now occupying the south of our territory, the rapid implementation of Security Council Resolution 435 which will lead to genuine independence in Namibia, an end to South Africa's acts of aggression against Angola as well as a halt to any military and logistic assistance to the UNITA puppet gangs which have been terrorizing our people." President Jose Eduardo dos Santos added that it is only under these conditions that Angola will be ready to examine with Cuba a new timetable for the gradual withdrawal of the Cuban forces from Angola where they are to ensure the country's security.

In the same vein, the Angolan president observed that "all those who claim to establish a link or draw parallels between Namibia's independence and the presence of Cuban troops in Angola are not our friends. They are our enemies, for they want to enable South Africa, which is already occupying part of our territory, to march up to Luanda without facing any possible resistance." He further said that the Angolan Government was ready to continue with the fighting and to initiate diplomatic moves toward a fair solution to the southern African problem.

In this connection, in his welcoming address to UN Secretary General Perez de Cuellar, the Angolan head of state pledged Angola's readiness to continue to make every effort toward a just solution to the Namibia problem, a major stage in the action aimed at establishing a just and lasting peace in southern Africa. In this regard, the Angolan head of state pointed out that the Angolan people are fighting for a just peace, without any humiliation, any colonial or imperialist pressure, and without any concessions to apartheid. He also reiterated that the Angolan people are fighting for a peace which will result in the realization of their inmost aspirations for social well-being.

Throughout his address, Jose Eduardo dos Santos made it a point to recall that "to achieve its independence, the MPLA-Labor Party had to wage a long liberation struggle, which began on 4 February 1961 (?thus perpetuating) the popular traditions of the Angolan people as a fighting people." Then the Angolan leader spoke of the human sacrifices made by the Angolan people who are still ready to pursue the struggle in order to safeguard their

hard won independence. He also insisted on the fact that "we are determined to continue the struggle so that Angola will be completely independent, and so that the South Africans will be driven out of Angola, and the UNITA puppet gangs annihilated." [passage indistinct]

Dos Santos Receives Visiting Sao Tomean Official
MB301330 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 30 Aug 83

[Text] Comrade Jose Eduardo dos Santos, the president of the MPLA-Labor Party and the People's Republic of Angola, yesterday received Mrs Alda do Espirito Santo, a member of the Political Bureau of the Movement for the Liberation of Sao Tome and Principe [MLSTP] and the president of the National People's Assembly of Sao Tome and Principe, who has been visiting Angola since 26 August. President Jose Eduardo dos Santos and Mrs Alda do Espirito Santo spoke about the ties of friendship and fraternity between the MLSTP and the MPLA-Labor Party. Before she was received by the Angolan head of state, Mrs Alda do Espirito Santo and Comrade Lucio Lara, the MPLA Central Committee secretary for organization, signed a cooperation protocol, which is contained in the Angolan-Sao Tomean joint communique following talks held between the two leaders.

The communique pointed out that the talks had enabled the two delegations to examine their bilateral relations and to study means of strengthening and developing them. With a view to developing cooperation between the People's Republic of Angola and the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, the final communique pointed out, both sides have decided to strengthen and activate the Angolan-Sao Tomean joint commission. The two sides condemned the linkage policy, relating the independence of Namibia to the withdrawal of the internationalist Cuban troops from Angola. They reaffirmed that the only way to solve the issue is the implementation of UN Resolution 435 of 1978. The two parties also demanded the withdrawal of the South African forces from Angolan areas that they occupy.

The two sides condemned foreign interference in the internal affairs of Chad, pointing out that the solution of the issue should be left to the conflicting parties. The Angolan-Sao Tomean joint communique also reaffirmed the two countries' support for the struggle of the Saharan and Palestinian patriots for their self-determination.

Dos Santos Responds to Birthday Greetings
MB291235 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 29 Aug 83

[Text] On the occasion of the anniversary of Comrade Jose Eduardo dos Santos' 41st birthday a brief ceremony was held at the Futungo de Belas in Luanda yesterday attended by members of the party Political Bureau, the Central Committee, the People's Armed Forces for the Liberation of Angola [FAPLA] General Staff, and some members of the diplomatic corps accredited to our country who came to greet the supreme leader of the party and the nation. On the occasion, Colonel Pedro Maria Tonha Pedale, our country's defense minister, read a

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CONSTRUCTION DISCUSSED WITH CUBAN DELEGATION

MB261321 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1200 GMT 26 Jan 83

[Talks] Talks between Angola and Cuba in the field of construction have started in Luanda this morning. The Angola delegation is headed by Manuel Manguera, minister of construction, and it includes Amilcar Aguiar, the deputy minister of construction and housing; the national director of town planning and construction; and the director of the planning department. The Cuban delegation is headed by Levi Farah, minister of foreign construction, and it includes Mario Abreu, adjunct to the minister of foreign construction; the national director of the Cuban Construction Company; the director of the Cuban National Bank; the deputy director of the Cuban Construction Company; and the company's head of personnel and deployment.

Speaking at the start of the talks Minister Manuel Manguera said that a broader cooperation agreement is expected to be signed by the two delegations.

The heads of the two delegations will visit the Huambo and Benguela Provinces on 28 January. Minister Levi Farah, who will remain in Angola until 31 January, is expected to meet with the Angolan industry and energy ministers.

SOLIDARITY MEETING WITH SOVIET KOMSOMOL OPENS

MB270800 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 27 Jan 83

[Text] Yesterday in Luanda Comrade Roberto de Almeida, acting secretary of the Central Committee's ideological department, presided over the opening session of a solidarity meeting between the Youth of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola [JMPLA], and the Leninist Komsomol of the Soviet Union. The visiting Soviet delegation headed by (Vuslov Avolyeshin), member of the Komsomol Central Committee, as well as JMPLA leaders and guests were present at the opening session, which took place at the Karl Marx cinema.

Comrade Roberto de Almeida described the meeting as yet another example of the Komsomol's support for and solidarity with the JMPLA. He spoke of the destruction and material losses suffered by our country as a result of the attacks by the racist South Africans and their lackeys. The attacks have been aimed at economic targets and designed to intimidate the population so that they will cease their support and solidarity toward SWAPO, the sole and legitimate representative of the Namibian people, Roberto de Almeida said. Regarding this matter, Comrade Roberto de Almeida referred to the examples of bravery shown by the Angolan youth, who are guaranteeing the defense of our revolutionary gains on the battlefield safeguarding the economy of the People's Republic of Angola. Comrade Roberto de Almeida also spoke about the youth of the countries still under the oppression who are taking part in the struggle against the antipopular regimes and striving for disarmament and peace on earth.

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At the Jose Marti International Airport, Todorov was seen off by Flavio Bravo Pardo, president of the National Assembly of the People's Government; Jorge Lezcano, vice president of that body; and Faustino Perez, all members of the party Central Committee.

Prior to departure, Todorov told members of the press he was very gratified with his tour of our Caribbean island, which included Havana, Pinar del Rio, Isle of Youth and Holguin. He also expressed gratitude for the hospitality accorded to him and his delegation by the Cuban people. The Bulgarian leader voiced his enthusiasm for the meeting he held last night with Commander in Chief Fidel Castro, first secretary of Cuba's Communist Party and president of the Councils of State and Ministers.

Others present at the air terminal to bid farewell to Todorov were Jose Aranaburo, secretary of the National Assembly, and (Oria Dinkov), charge d'affaires of Bulgaria's Embassy in Cuba.

ITU SECRETARY GENERAL MEETS WITH GARCIA FRIAS

FL271805 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1700 GMT 27 Jan 83

[Text] Guillermo Garcia Frias, member of the party Politburo and minister of transportation, has met at the main offices of the Transportation Ministry with (Richard Edmund Butler), secretary general of the International Telecommunications Union, who is visiting our country. The distinguished visitor was accompanied by Pedro Guelmes Gonzalez, member of the Communist Party of Cuba Central Committee and minister of communications. During the meeting, the ministers discussed topics of interest in the communications field, this year being the international year of communications.

MONTANE MEETS WITH LIBYAN DELEGATION IN ALGERIA

FL281310 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1100 GMT 28 Jan 83

[Text] Official Cuban and Libyan delegations visiting Algeria have held a fraternal meeting in Algiers. The two delegations reviewed the international situation, particularly that of the Levant and Central America.

The delegations were headed by Jesus Montane, alternate member of the Communist Party of Cuba [PCC] Politburo and chief of the PCC Central Committee General Department of Foreign Relations, and ('Umar al-Habibi), chairman of the Arab People's Congress [presidente del Congreso Popular Arabe]. The delegation headed by Montane has been on an official visit to Algeria for the past 3 days at the invitation of the National Liberation Front party.

LEVI FARAH IN ANGOLA FOR COOPERATION TALKS

FL282345 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2230 GMT 28 Jan 83

[Text] Luanda -- Levi Farah, Cuban minister in charge of construction abroad, has begun a tour of Angola's interior to visit the provinces of Huambo and Benguela. The Cuban official arrived in Luanda on 25 January accompanied by a delegation to examine, together with local authorities, bilateral cooperation agreements as well as general guidelines of cooperation to be observed in the future in the construction sector.

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Meet With Vice Foreign Minister

FL040210 Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish 0100 GMT 3 Mar 83

[Text] This morning there was a meeting between Ricardo Alarcon, Cuba's vice minister of foreign relations, and a group of Dominican legislators visiting Cuba. The delegation was headed by (Antonio Rapul), president of the Chamber of Deputies' Foreign Relations Committee of the Dominican Republic. During their visit, the Dominican legislators will pay a visit to the 30 November modern sugar mill in Pinar del Rio Province and will hold a meeting at the main offices of the Cuban Institute of Friendship with Peoples. In the meeting with the Dominican delegation, Alarcon gave them a briefing on Cuba's foreign policy and the international situation.

Meet Education Ministers

FL031822 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1700 GMT 3 Mar 83

[Text] At the Education Ministry, Minister Jose Ramon Fernandez and Higher Education Minister Fernando Vecino Alegret met with the group of parliament members from the Dominican Republic which is visiting our country. The two ministers explained to the visitors Cuba's educational development, and answered numerous questions posed by members of the delegation headed by Mr Antolio Raful, president of the Chamber of Deputies' Foreign Relations Committee of the Dominican Republic. Raful termed the meeting very fruitful because it afforded him the opportunity to learn about the gains made by education in this socialist country, as well as efforts being made by the Cuban revolution for the sake of the whole education of the new generation and the people in general.

TECHNICAL, SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT WITH ANGOLA

FL031830 St Georges Domestic Service in English 2300 GMT 2 Mar 83

[Text] The Cuban and Angolan ministers of trade have signed a cooperative agreement in the Cuban capital, Havana. The document was signed after several days of official talks between the two ministers on the establishment of scientific and technical cooperation in the field of trade.

OFFICIAL REPORTS HEAVY LOSSES IN AGRICULTURE

FL030305 Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish 0100 GMT 3 Mar 83

[Interview with Adolfo Diaz, first vice minister of agriculture, by journalist (Nelson Notario Castro) on 2 March -- recorded]

[Text] [Question] Comrade Adolfo, of all the agricultural crops you have mentioned, which have been the two or three most affected?

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FL291616 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1500 GMT 29 Mar 83

[Text] AALAPSO has issued a message of support for Nicaragua at a time when it is experiencing the threat of intervention following an undeclared war by the United States. The document, issued here, notes that the Reagan administration is arming and training members of former dictator Somoza's army and other repressive organizations in Honduras to massacre Nicaraguans and sabotage the country's economy with vandalistic actions. It adds that this imperialist strategy, for which the U.S. Congress approved \$60 million, also threatens revolutionary movements in El Salvador and Guatemala, true examples of the people's struggle for national liberation in the region.

RISQUET COMMEMORATES ANGOLAN VICTORY ANNIVERSARY

FL290054 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 29 Mar 83

[Text] The national commemoration of the seventh anniversary of the Angolan people's victory was held this afternoon at the Julian Aleman Rope Factory in Matanzas. The ceremony was chaired by Politburo member Jorge Risquet Valdes and Mwaete Joao Baptista, ambassador of the People's Republic of Angola to our country. A numerous group of members of the diplomatic corps and representatives of the liberation movements accredited to Cuba attended the ceremony as well as Angolan students, relatives of internationalist combatants and hundreds of Matanzas workers.

In his opening remarks, Ambassador Mwaete Joao Baptista referred to his people's struggle over the years until the withdrawal toward Namibia of the South African aggressors. In his closing remarks, Esteban Lazo Hernandez, first party secretary in Matanzas province and alternate member of the Central Committee, praised the will and sacrifices made by the fraternal Angolan people and said the aid given by the Soviet Union and Cuba was an example of solidarity. The ceremony was a reaffirmation of the friendship ties existing between the peoples and governments of Cuba and Angola.

HAVANA REPORTS HART'S ACTIVITIES IN BARCELONA

FL231640 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1100 GMT 28 Mar 83

[Text] Cuban Culture Minister Armando Hart held several meetings with government officials, intellectuals and Catalonian artists in Barcelona. The Cuban leader explained the objectives of our country's cultural policy. At the Barcelona airport, Hart met with Spanish Defense Minister Narcis Serra, with whom he held friendly talks. Hart visited the (Joan Miro) Foundation and the Navigation Museum and was feted by the Catalonian Government with a dinner at the official residence. He also met with representatives of the six Cuban-Spanish friendship houses in the Catalonian region. They discussed several topics of bilateral interest.

BRAVO MEETS WITH VISITING SWISS DELEGATION

FL290154 Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish 0100 GMT 29 Mar 83

[Text] Flavio Bravo, member of the Central Committee and president of the National Assembly of the People's Government, this afternoon received the delegation of Parliament members of the Swiss Confederation, headed by Dr (Richard Mueller), national adviser and chairman of that country's Foreign Relations Committee. The delegation is also made up of (John Noel Rey), Parliament secretary, and others.

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I do not spend any money, my family lives well, and I will return with some money," a Cuban soldier told the AFP correspondent. "It should also not be forgotten that the internationalist status will improve my job prospects in my country. But I keep counting the days I have left before my return to Cuba."

Czechoslovak Hostages Die During March
NC081922 Paris AFP in English 1908 GMT 8 May 83

[Text] Lusaka, May 8 (AFP) — At least three Czechoslovak children, aged two to three years, have died in the Angolan bush as their mothers were forced to march to UNITA bases, according to diplomatic sources here quoted by the SUNDAY TIMES OF ZAMBIA.

The children were among 64 Czechs and 20 Portuguese captured by the "Pretoria-backed UNITA insurgents fighting against the Luanda government," said the SUNDAY TIMES, which quoted second secretary at the Czechoslovak Embassy, Antonin Chlum, as saying that he had "heard of deaths" but could not give any firm information.

Last week the SUNDAY TIMES reported a UNITA communique which said that Jonas Savimbi's UNITA forces threatened to blow up all the captives if Angolan Government troops mounted a rescue operation.

The Czechoslovak Embassy in Lusaka has so far established that among the 64 Czech captives, 21 were children, most of them barely three years old.

Mr Chlum said his government would explore "all possible avenues" to secure the release of the captives, who were taken while working at an industrial site in Angola's Benguela Province on March 12.

UNITA Radio Reports Capture of Position, Township
MB091850 (Clandestine) Voice of Resistance of the Black Cockerel in Portuguese to Angola 0430 GMT 6 May 83

[UNITA radio: Communique issued 25 April from the chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces for the Liberation of Angola]

[Text] In the course of our liberation fight against the Cuban expeditionary contingent, we carried out two more large-scale actions on 23 April 1983. At 1730 on 23 April, forces of the 9th Brigade attacked an enemy position at Fio, 70 km north of Menongue on the highway to Bie. After an hour and a half of fighting, the enemy fled in disarray, leaving behind 17 confirmed dead, 25 guns, 2 B-10 cannons, 1 75-mm cannon, 1 122-mm rocket launcher, ammunition of various calibers, and mortar and cannon shells.

The inhabitants of the area, a total of about 3,000 people, were given all the goods which were found in the Armed Forces for the Liberation of Angola [FAPLA] and Cuban supply stores. Following this action, a political rally was held to explain the situation facing our country. In the course of the rally, MIG's and helicop-

ters appeared overhead to bomb the area. Our anti-aircraft guns gave a prompt response, which resulted in the destruction of one MIG-21 bearing the registration mark C47 and one Alouette helicopter with registration AK214. All the crewmen on board the two aircraft were killed.

On the same day, 23 April, at 1830, guerrilla forces attacked, stormed, and captured Belo Horizonte township, situated 58 km north of Bie. The fighting lasted 2 hours. The enemy fled the township, leaving behind 39 dead, including members of FAPLA and the people's defense organization. Our forces captured 56 guns and 6 82-mm mortars, as well as a large quantity of ammunition of various calibers. Belo Horizonte township served as a concentration point for youths captured in the neighboring villages and pressed into service with the FAPLA forces. Our forces freed 200 youths aged 10 to 15.

The struggle triumphs. United we shall win. Free land of Angola, 25 April 1983, year of the anti-Cuban effort.

Signed: Chief of the General Staff, Brigadier [name indistinct].

LESOTHO

Prime Minister Leaves for Far East, East Europe
MB090550 Maseru Domestic Service in English 1600 GMT 6 May 83

[Text] The prime minister, the Right Honorable Dr Leabua Jonathan, left Lesotho today on a five-nation tour of the Far East and Eastern Europe. The prime minister will visit the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the People's Republic of China, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, and Romania. The prime minister will be accompanied by the minister of foreign affairs, planning, employment, and economic affairs, the Honorable E.R. Sekhonyana, and senior government officials.

Dispute Over Trip Denied

MB091336 Maseru Domestic Service in English 1130 GMT 9 May 83

[Text] A Lesotho Government spokesman today dismissed as baseless newspaper reports that the visit of the right honorable prime minister, Dr Leabua Jonathan, to Beijing, North Korea, Yugoslavia, Romania, and Bulgaria was opposed by his Cabinet. The spokesman, referring to slanted reports in the London DAILY TELEGRAPH and the TIMES of 6 and 7 May, said the correspondents for the two newspapers had apparently chosen to tell lies about the feelings of Lesotho Cabinet ministers, in particular, the foreign minister, the Honorable E.R. Sekhonyana, and the Lesotho Paramilitary Force, in the hope that the prime minister would change his mind and not undertake the trip. The spokesman observed that the trip had been planned nearly 3 years ago, but that it had not taken place owing to the tight schedule of the prime minister at home. He said that the prime minister, Dr Leabua Jonathan, faced no revolts whatsoever from anyone, neither from his Basotho National Party, the Cabinet, nor the Lesotho Paramilitary Force. There is no crisis of any kind in Lesotho.

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Cooperation Agreement Signed With Cape Verde
AB061315 Luanda ANGOP in French 1040 GMT 6 May 83

[Text] Luanda, 6 May (ANGOP) — Angola and Cape Verde signed a cooperation agreement and a supplementary protocol in the field of information and social communication on Thursday. Angolan Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Venancio de Moura signed for his country and Corsino Fortes, assistant secretary of state to the prime minister for social communication, signed for Cape Verde.

After the documents were signed, a final communique was read in which Angola and Cape Verde reaffirmed their desire to strengthen their political relations and broaden their cooperation in the field of social communication.

Corsino Fortes, at the head of an important delegation from his country, paid a 7-day visit to Angola at the invitation of the MPLA-Labor Party Secretariat for Ideology.

While in Luanda, Corsino Fortes held discussions with Angolan journalists and with Roberto de Almeida, the MPLA-Labor Party secretary for ideology, to whom he extended an invitation to visit Cape Verde. The Cape Verdian delegation visited the offices of ANGOP, JORNAL DE ANGOLA, the Angolan national radio station, and the Angolan people's television station.

Party Calls on Military To Improve Work
AB091514 Luanda Domestic Service in English 1130 GMT 9 May 83

[Text] Members of the MPLA-Labor Party within the Angolan Armed Forces and security are called upon to give their contribution towards the orientation of improving their work. Mr [name indistinct] said this: Within the party structure of the political organisms of the Angolan Armed Forces, FAPLA, is an obstacle toward well-coordinated work. During the [words indistinct] meeting realized in Luanda, heads of the party commissions had learned the necessity of the application of discipline to working methods and that punitive measures should be taken against those who diverted from the work norms.

The secretary of the MPLA-Labor Party Central Committee for defense and security, General [name indistinct], commented upon the worsening military situation as a result of racist South Africa's increased attacks against the People's Republic of Angola.

AFP Interviews Cuban on Activities of Troops
AB081203 Paris AFP in French 1301 GMT 7 May 83

[Text] Paris, 7 May (AFP) — The Cuban troops in Angola (between 20,000 and 25,000 men according to Western sources) will never withdraw from the Namibe (ex-Mocamedes) - Lubango-Matala line (300 km to the north of the Angola-

Namibia border), a well-informed Cuban source stated in Luanda.

"We will lose all our defensive capabilities and our soldiers will be too exposed to a surprise attack from South Africa," added this source, who preferred to remain anonymous.

Questioned on the kidnapping of 64 Czechoslovak technicians by UNITA at Alto Catumbela (near Benguela, in central-west Angola) on 12 March, the source revealed that there were about 12 Cuban technical assistants at Alto Catumbela at the end of February but, due to the refusal of the Angolans to ensure better military protection, the Cuban Embassy decided to repatriate them at the beginning of March.

Therefore, the source denied that a Cuban national was kidnapped by UNITA along with the Czechoslovaks. "Had there been a single Cuban among the 64 Czechoslovaks, we would immediately have intervened militarily to free him," the source said.

Even though the Angolan and Cuban forces wear the same uniforms, they now operate separately in the field, the AFP correspondent observed. "Our soldiers," the Cuban source confirmed, "are no longer prepared to die in the frontlines as in the past and today it is the Angolan Government forces (FAPLA) [People's Armed Forces for the Liberation of Angola] which fight against the South Africans while we defend vital strategic installations." The important Cuban presence is sometimes criticized. The Cubans are often reproached for having looted the remains "of the capitalist (Portuguese) civilization" in 1976-77. Many Luanda residents are irritated by the presence of truckloads of Cuban soldiers on the beaches on Sundays.

"They (the Cubans) come to Angola with overrated qualifications," an Angolan doctor states. "Thus, a nurse becomes a doctor and a doctor becomes a surgeon in order to be better paid."

However, observers note that the presence of "Cuban internationalist troops" does not pose any major problems in the capital, where many people feel that the Havana soldiers contributed greatly to the MPLA's victory in 1975 during the South African invasion.

"It must also be acknowledged," one Angolan soldier says, "that the racial problem does not arise with the Cubans and, even though they speak only Spanish, it is quite easy to find them in a beer bar or on the soccer field."

In the interior, particularly in the Huambo and Bie regions, relations between Cubans and Angolans are more strained. The Cubans keep to themselves in their camps and are not liked by the people, investigations by the AFP correspondent there revealed.

In the west and south, their unpopularity is such that ANGOP was forced to deny rumors that Angolan children had been kidnapped to be secretly sent to Cuba.

As for the Cuban soldiers, they await demobilization. "Over here

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AB311535 Luanda ANGOP in French 1430 GMT 31 Mar 83

[Text] Luanda, 31 Mar (ANGOP) -- Stanislav Svoboda, the Czechoslovak deputy minister for foreign affairs, arrived in Luanda yesterday bringing a message from Czechoslovak head of state Gustav Husak to his Angolan counterpart, Jose Eduardo dos Santos.

It is indicated that during his stay in Angola, the Czechoslovak deputy minister will hold talks with Angolan officials of the Foreign Affairs Ministry as well as with other officials of the MPLA-Labor Party. It must be recalled that before taking up his current post, Stanislav Svoboda worked in the People's Republic of Angola for 3 years as his country's ambassador to the Angolan Government.

CUBAN FINANCE DIRECTOR ON 30-DAY VISIT

AB301842 Luanda ANGOP in French 1402 GMT 30 Mar 83

[Text] Luanda, 30 Mar (ANGOP) -- A Cuban delegation from the State Committee for Finance led by Wilfredo Marredo, the director for finance of the enterprises sector [title as received], is in Luanda within the framework of an interministerial cooperation program, official sources disclosed in Luanda. According to these sources, the delegation, which will stay 30 days, has already visited the Angolan Ministry of Finance, learned the functions of the national headquarters for finance and accounts, and familiarized itself with the principal financial laws of the People's Republic of Angola.

Besides the delegation's activities with their Angolan counterparts in the fields of finance and accounts, it will also familiarize itself with Angola's socioeconomic realities. It will later visit enterprises, museums, and historic sites of Angolan culture.

In accordance with the official program, the Cuban delegation will also visit the provinces, specifically Huila, Benguela, and Malanje.

PARTY ORGANS BEGIN MEETING IN LUANDA

AB301513 Luanda ANGOP in French 1357 GMT 30 Mar 83

[Text] Luanda, 30 Mar (ANGOP) -- A joint meeting of the Political Bureau and Central Committee of the MPLA-Labor Party began in Luanda this morning under the chairmanship of Jose Eduardo dos Santos, MPLA-Labor Party chairman and president of the republic. According to the agenda of the meeting, which will last 2 days, the participants will examine issues that center on the problem of the party's leading role and its functioning as well as the major aspects of the 1983 action plan.

Participating in that meeting are the coordinators and assistant coordinators of the provincial committees, the directors of the various Central Committee departments, and the national first and the second secretaries of the MPLA-Labor Party youth wing.

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MB081030 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 8 Apr 83

[Text] An agreement on cooperation in the field of agriculture between the People's Republic of Angola and the USSR was signed in Luanda yesterday at the end of the processing of the second session of the Angolan-Soviet joint subcommission. The session was dedicated to a review of the existing cooperation between Angola and the USSR on the basis of the five agreements that have been signed by the two states in the fields of production and assistance to cotton enterprises, particularly the (Gingambando) unit in Malanje, and irrigation and veterinary research.

The two sides agreed on the creation of three cotton enterprises and on the installation of a laboratory to deal with botanical pathology [fito-patologico] for the selection of seeds and wheat. The agreement was signed on the Angolan side by Deputy Minister of Agriculture Comrade Julio Morais, and on the Soviet side by Vladimir Medvedev, chairman of the [name indistinct]

ANGOP-PRELA COOPERATION AGREEMENT SIGNED

AB071232 Luanda ANGOP in French 1117 GMT 7 Apr 83

[Text] Luanda, 7 Apr (ANGOP) -- An agreement to strengthen the cooperation between ANGOP and the Cuban press agency has been signed by the director general of ANGOP, Mena Abrabtes, and his Cuban counterpart, Gustavo Dolz, who arrived in Luanda yesterday. The director general of the Cuban press agency leaves Luanda on Monday for Mozambique, where the agency plans to open a bureau.

DELEGATION ARRIVES IN PORTUGAL FOR MEETING

MB070940 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1900 GMT 6 Apr 83

[Text] Deputy Foreign Minister Comrade Venancio de Moura arrived in Portugal today to attend the 14th Congress of the Socialist International, which is to be held in the Algarve region of that country. It should be stressed that Angola will participate in the congress in response to an invitation from the Socialist International addressed to the presidency of the republic. Our delegation will also include the Angolan ambassador accredited to Portugal, Franca van Dunem.

The Socialist International congress will begin tomorrow, and the main issues to be discussed include, among others, the situation in southern Africa and the conflict in the Middle East.

LESOTHORSA REPORTEDLY CONFISCATING INCOME ARMS

MB041308 Maseru Domestic Service in English 1130 GMT 4 Apr 83

[Text] It is said that the South African police at the Ficksburg bridge border post confiscated handgrenades and other weapons of war over the Easter weekend. It is also alleged that most of the people in whose possession the weapons were found during the routine search were women who were coming to Lesotho for Easter holidays.

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Minister Notes Likelihood of New Talks With RSA

MB101935 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1900 GMT 10 May 83

[Text] Everything seems to indicate that new talks between Angolan and South African delegations will soon take place as a follow-up to the contacts held in December and January. In fact, the latest reports divulged by South African sources indicate that another meeting between official delegations of the two states will take place later this month.

Commenting on the subject, Lieutenant Colonel Alexandre Rodrigues Kito, member of the MPLA-Labor Party Political Bureau and minister of the interior of the People's Republic of Angola, who led the Angolan delegation to the previous talks, told ANGOP this morning that "We are also aware, through a third party, that there is such an intention on the part of South Africa." He added: I think that it must be true, for Angola has been waiting for South Africa's decision. To begin with, following the last meeting at Ilha do Sal, the questions we raised at the December meeting have still not been resolved. Therefore, he said, we are still awaiting a reply to the problems raised in December.

According to the Angolan official, it is South Africa which must indicate when it is ready to hold another meeting because Angola is available for dialogue at any time.

Asked to comment on speculation by certain international information circles regarding his recent visit to the United States, Lt Col Alexandre Rodrigues Kito stressed that Angola is not begging for peace, nor will it give up its stand of saying "no" to any linkage. He recalled once again that the Namibian independence problem has nothing to do with Angola's internal affairs. He said that for the People's Republic of Angola, the withdrawal of Cuban troops is an internal problem that concerns only Angola.

Lt Col Alexandre Rodrigues Kito added that the Angolan-Cuban declaration of 4 February remains in force, despite the recent speculation of the international press. He repeated: We will not abandon this stand.

Dos Santos Receives Messages From USSR, Cuba

'Personal Message' From Andropov
AB101332 Luanda ANGOP in French 1230 GMT 10 May 83

[Text] Luanda, 10 May (ANGOP) — Jose Eduardo dos Santos, president of the MPLA-Labor Party and of the People's Republic of Angola, yesterday afternoon received in audience Vadim Loginov, ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the USSR to Angola. During this meeting, the Soviet ambassador gave the Angolan head of state a personal message from Yuriy Andropov, USSR head of state. It should be recalled that the president of the MPLA-Labor Party and the People's Republic of Angola will be making an official visit to the USSR this month.

Ambassador Delivers Castro Note

MB110805 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 1900 GMT 10 May 83

[Text] Angolan President Comrade Jose Eduardo dos Santos received a message from Commander Fidel Castro in Belas, Luanda, this morning. The message, whose contents were not revealed, was given to the Angolan president by Francia Mestre, ambassador of the Republic of Cuba accredited to our country.

Reportage on Visit of PRC Vice Foreign Minister

Addresses Newsmen on Arrival
AB101235 Luanda ANGOP in French 0930 GMT 10 May 83

[Text] Luanda, 10 May (ANGOP) — Gong Dafei, PRC foreign affairs vice minister, has been in Luanda since yesterday evening for a 2-day visit as part of his tour of several African countries.

Addressing newsmen on his arrival, the Chinese vice minister reiterated his government's desire to strengthen cooperation and friendship with the People's Republic of Angola and added that during his visit to Angola he would discuss with Angolan officials ways of developing cooperation for the benefit of the two peoples and governments.

In this regard, he said the economic and trade sectors were priority sectors in the development of cooperation between the two countries following the recent visit to China by some high-level officials from the Angolan Foreign Trade Ministry.

To conclude, Gong Dafei said he would take advantage of his visit to Angola to express to Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos regards from Chinese Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang.

Talks Begin 10 May
AB101316 Luanda Domestic Service in English 1100 GMT 10 May 83

[Text] Today in Luanda began official discussions between the Chinese vice foreign minister and an Angolan delegation led by the vice minister of external relations, Comrade Venancio da Silva Moura. The Angolan delegation to the talks also includes the country's ambassador to France, Comrade Luis Jose de Almeida. The Chinese vice foreign minister, Gong Dafei, is expected to meet with the Angolan minister of external affairs and the vice ministers of finance, industry, health and agriculture.

In the Angolan capital, the Chinese official is to visit the Luanda oil refinery and will later pay a visit to the agricultural scheme of (Kwanza-Bengo) in the municipality of (Soyo), in the northwest of the country.

Speaking on arrival, he reaffirmed his country's desire to develop friendship and cooperation ties between the People's Republic of Angola and China. Gong Dafei, who is visiting the People's Republic of Angola for the first time, indicated that he is to discuss with Angolan authorities means of improving friendship

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Cuban Ambassador Departs at End of Mission

MB120930 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 11 May 83

[Text] Cuban Ambassador Francia Mestre left Luanda last night on his way home at the end of his 3-year period of diplomatic service in the People's Republic of Angola.

Speaking to the press before leaving the Angolan capital, Francia Mestre expressed his gratitude for the hospitality accorded him by the Angolan people. He said they will find a way to free their homeland from the Pretoria racists and their lackeys, who are trying at all costs to prevent national reconstruction and the harmonious development of the People's Republic of Angola. He described the relations between Angola and Cuba as excellent and historic, and said they are being continuously strengthened in all fields, particularly in the health, education, and construction sectors.

The Cuban diplomat was seen off by (Paulo dos Anjos), acting director for political affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and by representatives of the diplomatic corps accredited to Angola.

PRC's Gong Dafei Discusses Health Cooperation

AB121543 Luanda ANGOP in French 1433 GMT 12 May 83

[Text] Luanda, 12 May (ANGOP) — Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Gong Dafei, on an official visit to Angola since Monday, was received yesterday afternoon by the Angolan deputy minister of health, Flavio Fernandes.

During this meeting, Flavio Fernandes briefed him on the party's general health policy and the national health service and its structure. The two ministers also discussed possible cooperation in the field of medicine, development of medicinal plants and technical cooperation. The two parties also agreed to make further contacts on the subject through diplomatic channels.

The Chinese vice minister expressed satisfaction at what he learned about Angola's health policy, which, he said, is the same as China's.

Gong Dafei took the opportunity to invite a delegation from the Angolan Ministry of Health, to be led by the deputy health minister, to visit the PRC for the signing of a draft cooperation agreement.

Today, Thursday, the Chinese delegation will visit the Petrangol oil refinery, and will meet the minister of foreign trade as well as the deputy minister of agriculture.

Yesterday, the Chinese vice foreign minister met the Angolan deputy minister of industry, Justino Fernandes, with whom he discussed possibilities for cooperation in the industrial field. During this meeting, the Chinese vice minister was briefed on Angola's industrial potential.

Before this meeting, Gong Dafei, accompanied by Luis de Almeida, Angola's ambassador to France, visited the Museum of the People's Armed Forces for the Liberation of Angola in Luanda.

UNITA's Savimbi on Czechs, Talks With MPLA

MB121240 (Clandestine) Voice of Resistance of the Black Cockerel in Portuguese to Angola 0430 GMT 11 May 83

[Text] We are going to carry some excerpts from an interview given by Comrade President Dr Savimbi to a journalist of Radio France Inter, which was broadcast by that radio on 3 May. Let us hear Jonas Savimbi being interviewed by Yves Loiseau:

[Begin Savimbi recording] The issue of the Czechoslovaks captured at Alto Catumbela must be understood in the context of the conflict which still engulfs our country. Our objective was not to capture the Czechoslovaks; our objective was to destroy the economic complex at Alto Catumbela. However, when we found the Czechoslovaks, we decided to take them with us because, had we left them behind, they would have been killed by uncontrolled MPLA elements [words indistinct]. We want to use the opportunity to convey a clear message to the world that the civil war is continuing in Angola, because Alto Catumbela is in no way an area bordering Namibia. Alto Catumbela is in Benguela Province.

We also wanted to make the world understand that from the time the Cubans arrived in Angola, the problem of southern Africa ceased to be a regional issue and became a world issue. The Cubans would never have intervened in Angola without the direct support of the Soviets. The Czechoslovaks, Bulgarians, and East Germans came to consolidate the victory achieved by the Soviets with the aim of extending their hegemony over all of Africa. That is why we would like to see the conflict between the MPLA and UNITA solved on the basis of direct contacts between us, and this would also aid the solution of the Namibian question.

Our idea was to make the MPLA aware of the seriousness of the situation and accept our appeal to discuss ways of putting an end to our conflict, because the conflict will continue. I would even say that in Angola there are forces which are not controlled by the MPLA, and there are forces which UNITA does not control. If the MPLA and UNITA are not aware of the precarious situation facing our country, foreign forces will always have a pretext to intervene. Only UNITA and the MPLA can totally block all attempts at intervention. The MPLA cannot use the (?argument) about Cuban internationalism. The Cubans are neither Africans nor Angolans. They came to Angola to kill. They came to kill — killing and profiteering.

Certainly, our group cannot sit with folded hands and watch as our rights and our participation in political and economic life are blocked completely. We (?shall not hesitate) to ask for assistance, as we have always done, no matter where it comes from. This has been confirmed [words indistinct]. That is why the solution that the Angolan people are entitled to look for requires direct contact between the MPLA and UNITA.

It is true that we have different programs and different (?tactics).

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MB210638 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT
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[Excerpts] Comrade Jose Eduardo dos Santos, chairman of the MPLA-Labor Party and president of the People's Republic of Angola, returned home yesterday after a 4-day friendly working visit to the Soviet Union.

MPLA Official on U.S. Policy, Economic Situation
MB201431 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT
 20 May 83

[Text] In an interview given to the youth newspaper of the Democratic Republic of Angola, Comrade Roberto de Almeida, secretary of the MPLA-Labor Party Central Committee in charge of the ideological department, said that since the Reagan administration came to power in 1981, a wave of violence has been mounted against the People's Republic of Angola.

In the interview, published the day before yesterday, the secretary of the MPLA-Labor Party Central Committee for the Ideological Department called attention to the sympathy the U.S. Administration has toward the policy of Pretoria and the escalation of aggressive acts against Angola.

Comrade Roberto de Almeida also mentioned that various key points of the national plan for this year are part of an emergency program. These points include the fields of education, public health, food supply, production of construction material, and an increase in coffee production. The realization of these projects depends mainly on strengthening the party, which has already started to set up more grassroots organizations in the countryside and to recruit more workers into the party, the party official said in conclusion.

Mozambique Minister Seeks Closer Transport Ties
MB200928 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT
 20 May 83

[Text] The Mozambique minister of ports and land transport, Alcantara Santos, who arrived in our country on Wednesday, said in Benguela yesterday that bilateral relations between Angola and Mozambique in the field of transport and communications are below the desired level and that the two peoples and governments would like to see more cooperation in this field.

Alcantara Santos, who was speaking to the national media, pointed out that the talks he is holding in Angola fall within the framework of the desire of the two peoples and parties to further strengthen cooperation and mutual understanding in the bilateral field and in the field of the Southern African Development Coordination Conference.

During his stay in Benguela Province, the Mozambique minister visited the installations of Lobito Port and Benguela Railways.

Yesterday, Minister Alcantara Santos was also scheduled to visit Namibe Province, where he will today tour the mining harbor and the installations of Mocamedes Railways.

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Forest Resources Agreement Signed With Cuba
MB201505 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT
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[Text] Yesterday in Luanda, the Ministry of Agriculture signed a cooperation agreement in the field of forest resources with the State Committee for Economic Cooperation of the Republic of Cuba. The agreement, signed by Graciano Mande, the Angolan deputy prime minister of agriculture for forest resources, and Julio Cesar Balmaseda, the Cuban vice-minister of agriculture for human resources, provides for joint promotion of the development of the exploitation and reforestation of timber areas in the municipalities of (Buco-zau) and (Landa), in the Angolan province of Cabinda.

In accordance with the document, the Angolan side will undertake an investment program for exploitation of timber for agricultural and industrial purposes on the basis of the conditions of the agreement [words indistinct] and to be finalized by judicial officials from both sides. The document points out that during the first 3 years covered by this agreement, the program calls for 100,000 cubic meters of timber production per annum, and the efficient management and production of timber will be carried out through the supply of equipment, spare parts, technical personnel, and technical instruction by Cuba.

Corrections to Visit of SRV Delegation

In the items published in the Southern Africa section of the 16-20 May Middle East and Africa DAILY REPORTs concerning the visit by a SRV Communist Party delegation, the name of the delegation head was incorrectly given as "Xuan Thuy." It should be changed throughout to "Vu Quang."

The following additional correction pertains to the item headlined "Xuan Thuy-Led Delegation Ends Visit" published in the 19 May Middle East and Africa DAILY REPORT, page U 1, first paragraph, from line one:

[Excerpts] The delegation of the Communist Party of Vietnam [CPV], led by Vu Quang, member of the Central Committee and secretary for foreign relations of the party, which has been in our country since last Thursday, left Luanda today for the Republic of the Congo. Prior to the departure of the Vietnamese delegation, the final communique was read at the 4th of February International Airport. (adding paragraph, changing processing indicator from "Text" to "Excerpts")

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A communique released today at the conclusion of a 1-week visit by CPV Central Committee member Bui Quang expressed the two sides' support for the Soviet Union's peace initiatives. The communique denounced U.S. attempts to link the Namibian decolonization process to the presence of the Cuban internationalist soldiers in Angola, where they are defending Angola's sovereignty and territorial integrity. The communique signed by the Governments of Angola and Vietnam also repudiated U.S. policy towards Indochinese countries.

CEMA MEETING ON FERTILIZERS, MINERALS OPENS

FL231752 Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish 1700 GMT 23 May 83

[Text] The 14th session of the Council of Representatives of the CEMA Coordination Center for fertilizers and minerals was opened in Havana this morning in the presence of Miguel Rodriguez Mayea, agriculture vice minister of development and technical services, who welcomed the delegates. The meeting is attended by the Soviet Union, the GDR, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Cuba. The development of the 5-year research plan will be examined. The meeting, which is the first of its kind to be held in this country, will continue until Friday, 27 May, when a protocol will be signed containing the main agreements reached in this important branch of socialist agriculture.

EXILE IN PARIS ALLEGES HARASSMENT BY EMBASSY

NC191538 Paris AFP in English 1530 GMT 19 May 83

[Text] Paris, May 19 (AFP) -- Cuban dissident poet Armando Valladares, who arrived here last October after spending 22 years in Cuban jails, today said he had been threatened by the Cuban Embassy in Paris. The threats followed his co-foundation here this week of an organisation calling itself the International of the Resistance against Totalitarianism. Mr Valladares was freed by the Cuban authorities last October on a request by French President Francois Mitterrand. Mr Valladares had repeatedly claimed from his prison cell in Cuba that he had become paralysed through ill-treatment in jail. He said that a person claiming to work for the Cuban Embassy in Paris called him by telephone on Monday following the creation of the international and threatened to publish proof about the author's paralysis unless he dropped his "counter-revolutionary activities". In another anonymous call, a person threatened to distribute film clips showing him exercising in prison, Mr Valladares said.

PINAR DEL RIO PARTY FIRST SECRETARY APPOINTED

FL192001 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1802 GMT 19 May 83

[Text] Alternate Central Committee member Orlando Lugo Fonte has been appointed first secretary of the party in Pinar del Rio, replacing Jaime Crombet, who was appointed member of the Secretariat by the Politburo to be responsible for basic industry, consumption and services. During an extraordinary meeting of the Provincial Assembly of the People's Government today, Lugo Fonte was relieved of his post as president of that body. The same session appointed Emilio Pimienta Veloz, who had been filling the post of assembly vice president, president of the Pinar del Rio provincial government body. Speaking to the assembly, Lugo Fonte said he joyously accepted this new mission and would continue to work with the people, party, and government to continue scoring triumphs for the homeland and socialism.

FRIENDSHIP TREATY WITH VIETNAM TAKES EFFECT

FL201309 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1000 GMT 20 May 83

[Text] The Cuba-Vietnam 25-year friendship treaty took effect Thursday, when the ratification instruments were exchanged by the two countries in a ceremony held in Hanoi.

The treaty had been signed in Havana on 15 October 1982 by Fidel Castro, first secretary of Cuba's Communist Party and president of the Councils of State and government, and Truong Chinh, member of Vietnam's Politburo and chairman of the State Council, on the occasion of the official, friendly visit paid to Cuba by the latter.

Vietnamese Vice Foreign Minister Ha Van Lau and Cuban Ambassador to Vietnam Faure Chomon exchanged the ratification instruments. Ha Van Lau noted the coincidence of this ceremony with the 93d anniversary of Ho Chi Minh's birthday and the 88th anniversary of Jose Marti's death in combat.

BILATERAL AGREEMENTS SIGNED WITH ANGOLA

FL201349 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1000 GMT 20 May 83

[Text] In a ceremony held in Luanda, Cuba and Angola have signed agreements to reinforce bilateral cooperation in the forestry and agricultural sectors. This is part of the recent agreements signed there by party and governmental delegations.

In the forestry sector, Cuba will help the People's Republic of Angola in the exploitation, marketing, and utilization of the rich resources of Cabinda Province. At the same time, Cuban specialists will also work in the reforestation of Cabinda, the southernmost Angolan province.

SOVIET-ANGOLAN COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN MOSCOW

FL202115 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2014 GMT 20 May 83

[Excerpt] The Soviet-Angolan joint communique released in Moscow today highly valued the role of the Cuban internationalist forces that are in Angola to help guarantee the security of that country under the existing threats of foreign aggression. The communique rejected U.S. and South African attempts to link the Namibian problem to the withdrawal of the Cuban military contingent. The USSR gave its staunchest support to the Cuban-Angolan declaration of 4 February 1982 on the presence of Cuban troops in Angola. The communique, issued in Moscow on the occasion of a friendship visit by Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos, expressed satisfaction with the bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

VIETNAMESE-ANGOLAN COMMUNIQUE DENOUNCES U.S.

FL202005 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1816 GMT 20 May 83

[Text] In Luanda, the Vietnamese Communist Party [CPV] and the MPLA [Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola] Labor Party of Angola condemned the U.S. arms race, which has brought mankind to the edge of a nuclear catastrophe.

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[Words indistinct] The bizarre claim that two journalist died there even though no battle took place in that area.

The fourth question has to do with the weapon used. The Honduran Government claimed that an antitank weapon had been used to blast the journalists' vehicle. It noted, however, that the attack had taken place 3 and 1/2 km from the border. Since one can assume that the antitank weapons should have been between 1 and 1/2 and 2 km inside Nicaragua, the weapon must be placed at 5 km away from its target. Ronald Reagan himself, with his usual sharpness, said that it was apparent that the vehicle in question was loaded with civilians. Thus it is assumed that it was either a light jeep or car which was moving at a high speed. Yet it is claimed that this vehicle was blasted by an antitank weapon -- which is designed for short range targets -- located 5 km away.

The next question has to do with the witness, an alleged Honduran peasant who despite lacking military know-how contended that the vehicle was blasted by an antitank weapon fired from Nicaraguan territory. Thus one cannot give credence to this testimony.

Finally, there is the problem of lack of protection for these journalists. It is assumed that if one goes to a dangerous area, and I was there recently, one must have a minimum of protection. In this case, only two journalists and their driver died. No military men were with them and this is impossible to believe. Thus this leads us to the following conclusions: First, the victims were either taken to that after having been murdered some place else, or they were simply ambushed or walked into a trap and were murdered there by the Hondurans themselves. I believe in this case, one must speak of murder. Our final overall conclusion is that the immediate consequence of this murder will be a dangerous escalation of the U.S. Honduran aggression against Nicaragua.

This is why it is very important to reveal the plot behind the murder of the two U.S. journalists in Honduran territory.

BRIEFS

AMBASSADOR TO ANGOLA APPOINTED -- The Council of State has appointed Comrade Rodolfo Fuentes Ferro ambassador to Angola. Comrade Fuentes Ferro is alternate member of the Communist Party of Cuba Central Committee and deputy to the National Assembly of the People's Government. [Summary] [Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2130 GMT 27 Jun 83 FL]

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Maurice Bishop Arrives

FL252330 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2300 GMT 25 Jul 83

[Text] The people of Holguin have given a warm welcome to Maurice Bishop, Prime Minister of Grenada and chairman of the New Jewel Movement, who arrived this afternoon in Holguin leading a high-level delegation from that fraternal country.

Miguel Cano Blanco, alternate member of the Politburo and first secretary of the party in Holguin Province, along with other leaders, welcomed the distinguished visitor at Frank Pais airport. In a warm show of affection, thousands of Holguin residents stood along the route from the Holguin airport, along 20th Anniversary Avenue, waving Cuban, Grenadian, and 26 July flags. The sons of the land of Major General Calixto Garcia, who have made a great effort to carry out their commitments in salute to the 30th anniversary of Moncada, joyously celebrated this event. Bishop and his delegation later conducted a tour through various sites of interest in Holguin.

CSSR LEADERS GREET CASTRO ON 26 JULY ANNIVERSARY

FL252308 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1800 GMT 25 Jul 83

[Text] The top leaders of Czechoslovakia have sent a greetings message to Commander in Chief Fidel Castro on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the assault on Moncada Barracks. In their message to Fidel, Gustav Husak, general secretary of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia, and Premier Lubomir Strougal, stressed the strengthened ties achieved in relations between the two peoples.

July 26 is commemorated as an important milestone in the struggle of the Cuban people for the liberty and independence of their fatherland, the top Czechoslovak leaders added. They expressed their satisfaction over Cuba's achievements throughout the last 3 decades, despite all the attacks, blockade, and hostile campaigns waged against the first socialist country of the Western Hemisphere.

ENVOY TO ANGOLA ASSAILS SOUTH AFRICA, U.S.

FL260110 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2300 GMT 25 Jul 83

[Text] The United States and South Africa are trying to deceive the world by linking the independence of Namibia to the presence of Cuban troops in Angola, Rodolfo Fuentes Ferro, Cuban ambassador to Angola, told a Luanda press conference on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of Moncada.

The Cuban diplomat said these South African and U.S. maneuvers are an attempt to deprive Angola of its international assistance, weaken it in order to attack it, destroy it as a nation, and enslave it just as has been done to 14 million South African blacks. He noted that the presence of internationalist Cuban troops in Angola is an affair that concerns only the parties, governments, and peoples of the two countries. No one has the right to decide on relations between Cuba and Angola, he added.

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[Text] A delegation of the Soviet Committee of Solidarity With African and Asian Countries arrived in Luanda the day before yesterday for a visit to our country within the framework of the agreements signed with the Angolan Association for Friendship and Solidarity With Peoples.

The delegation is led by Bakhodir Abdurazakov, a member of the Presidium of that organization and foreign minister of the Uzbekistan SSR, and was received by the chairman of the Angolan Association for Friendship and Solidarity With Peoples, Comrade Coelho da Cruz. The Soviet people's support for the struggle being waged by the Angolan people for their independence and against the South African aggressors was stressed by the Angolan official, who thanked Bakhodir Abdurazakov and the other members of the delegation for all the assistance which the the Soviet Committee for Solidarity With African and Asian Countries has provided us.

Commenting on the Soviet delegation's visit, Bakhodir Abdurazakov said that it was designed to reassure the Angolan people that the Soviet people are morally in solidarity with their struggle and support them in their efforts to halt South African aggression.

Dos Santos Sends Message to Castro on Moncada
AB271334 Luanda Domestic Service in English 1130 GMT
 27 Jul 83

[Text] The MPLA-Labor Party and the People's Republic of Angola delegation to the celebrations of the 30th anniversary of the attack on Moncada Garrison is led by Central Committee Secretary Lucio Lara. The 30th anniversary commemoration for the occasion in Cuba was held in the city of Santiago de Cuba, on the very site of the historical attack that heralded the era of armed struggle against the Batista dictatorship.

In Luanda, the political and cultural commemorations took place last night at the (Koma) Theater in the presence of the Cuban extraordinary and plenipotentiary ambassador to the People's Republic of Angola, leading members of the party and Government of the People's Republic of Angola, representatives of the diplomatic corps and Angolan mass organizations.

In his message to Cuban President Fidel Castro, the Angolan head of state, President Jose Eduardo dos Santos, underlined the historic significance of the Cuban revolution beyond the borders of Latin America. He said the commemoration of the occasion in the People's Republic of Angola was a homage to the heroes of the Moncada assault and to (?others) who have been shedding their blood in defense of the sovereignty and integrity of the People's Republic of Angola including the socialist options of Angolan people.

Belgian Minister Departs; 4 Agreements Signed
MB271038 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT
 27 Jul 83

[Text] Leo Tindemans, minister of foreign affairs of the Kingdom of Belgium, left Luanda yesterday at the end of a 2-day official visit to our country. Shortly before departure, Leo Tindemans gave a brief press conference at the Fourth of February International Airport. The Belgian official reviewed the results of his visit to the People's Republic of Angola, and pointed out that it resulted in the signing of four agreements.

According to Leo Tindemans, the first agreement provides for the creation of a joint Belgian-Angolan commission, which will meet regularly to define the rules governing bilateral cooperation. The other three agreements signed yesterday by the Belgian official and our foreign minister, Comrade Paulo Teixeira Jorge, cover the fields of energy, food aid, and rail transport. In terms of those three accords, the Kingdom of Belgium will provide assistance to our country in the field of energy within the framework of the mission that Angola has received from the Southern Africa Development Coordination Conference [SADCC], and will provide equipment for the Benguela railway line. Accordingly, the Benguela railway line will receive 10 pieces of rolling stock from Belgium in the near future.

At the press conference he gave yesterday at the Fourth of February International Airport before leaving Luanda for Brazzaville, the Belgian foreign minister also noted that during his talks with our officials, particularly with Comrade Paulo Jorge, he had the opportunity to discuss the possibility of Angola participating in the Lome III convention. Leo Tindemans added that in the event our country joins that convention, which is still to be signed, Angola will receive further Belgian assistance.

This statement was followed by a flurry of questions and answers. Replying to a question by a journalist on what his government thinks of South Africa's establishment of a so-called state council in Namibia — an action taken in disregard of UN resolutions — Leo Tindemans simply said that Belgium's position is clear in this respect: The Brussels government believes that Namibian independence should be granted without preconditions.

Requested to speak on the situation in Chad in the wake of intervention by foreign forces in the conflict between supporters of the regime installed in Ndjamena, headed by Hissen Habre, and the forces of Goukouni Oueddei, the Belgian foreign minister pointed out that his country sees it as the task of the Organization of African Unity to find a settlement to that conflict which has claimed the lives of thousands of Chadians.

Finally, the Belgian official made a positive appraisal of his visit to our country, during which he was received by Comrade Jose Eduardo dos Santos, chairman of the party and president of the republic. The audience, which took place yesterday, was held in Luanda.

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FL051210 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1000 GMT 5 Aug 83

[Text] Education Minister Jose Ramon Fernandez had bid farewell to a group of internationalist teachers who will depart shortly for the fraternal country of Angola to teach fifth and sixth grade classes at special centers in several provinces of that African country. At the farewell ceremony held in Alquizar, it was announced that the group is part of the 1,861 teachers and advisers belonging to the Ernesto Che Guevara and Frank Pais internationalist teachers contingents who are going to serve in that country for the first time.

Jose Ramon Fernandez wished the teachers success in their task and urged them to be respectful of the customs, obey the orders of their superiors, and earn the affection and trust of the pupils and education officials of that fraternal country.

DELEGATE SCORES U.S., SOUTH AFRICA IN GENEVA

FL051700 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1600 GMT 5 Aug 83

[Text] Geneva -- The second international antiracism conference heard the strongest repudiation expressed against states which practice racial discrimination and those which support them morally and materially. Speaking before the conference, which is now in its 4th day of sessions, Cuban delegate (Luis Pera Vila) said the Government of South Africa, with the help of the United States, is intensifying racist terror in its own territory and in neighboring Namibia.

PUERTO RICO'S SOCIALIST LEADER INTERVIEWED

PA071342 Havana International Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 6 Aug 83

[Interview with Carlos Gallisa, secretary general of the Puerto Rican Socialist Party, date and place not given -- live or recorded]

[Text] [Unidentified reporter] What recent political incident do you consider important for Puerto Rico's political life?

[Gallisa] Well, I think that now, when we are about to go through the electoral process in Puerto Rico, the political panorama has changed due to divisions within the pro-statehood party now in power [New Progressive Party]. A large sector of this party has begun to form a new party. This sector no longer bases its platform on the pro-statehood policy but instead is following the strategy that Puerto Rico's status is not currently under discussion. It is clear that the pro-statehood forces are currently divided into two groups: those who want immediate annexation and are pressing for it, and those who feel that the annexation movement should be based on more liberal and "democratic" principles, leading the people cautiously toward pro-statehood positions. I think we could say that there is a fascist pro-statehood movement led by Governor Carlos Romero Barcelo, and a semiliberal pro-statehood movement led by Hernan Padilla, San Juan's mayor. This definitely places the people's party -- which has a colonialist stand but also a strong autonomist sector demanding more rights for Puerto Rico -- in a much more advantageous position for the 1984 elections. The Puerto Rican pro-independence sectors are doing everything possible to arrive at a unitary agreement and to coordinate actions so that no one should spare any effort at a time when the political moment is important for the country's future political definitions.

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FL261437 Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish 1235 GMT 26 Aug 83

[By Nestor Labrada, from the Revista de la Manana program -- live]

[Text] Today is the international day of solidarity with Namibia and the 17th anniversary of the beginning of the armed struggle of the heroic people of Namibia against the South African regime, which is illegally occupying it. We have invited (Helmut Angula), member of the Central Committee of the South-West African People's Organization, SWAPO, and representative of this organization in our country, to comment.

(Helmut), South Africa has just rejected another UN mediation proposal to speed up the independence of Namibia. What attitude has SWAPO adopted in this situation?

[(Angula)] After the failure of the Geneva conference in 1980, and after the Reagan administration came to power in the United States, which is trying to sabotage UN Security Council Resolution No. 435, SWAPO committed itself to intensifying the armed struggle. This intensification required an expanded meeting of the SWAPO Central Committee, which met from 17-20 April this year.

Our People's Army for the Liberation of Namibia has adopted measures to intensify the struggle in our homeland, and this [words indistinct] since the beginning in February, especially through June of this year, that the whole country is now in a state of regular and irregular war under the direction of our fighters. We are obliged to adopt this measure for lack of a negotiated solution that, we repeat, is being sabotaged by the Reagan administration together with the racist South African Government.

[Labrada] (Helmut), an international conference on the independence of Namibia was held recently, in April, in Paris. More recently, a seminar on the same subject was held in Costa Rica. What is your opinion of these two international meetings?

[(Angula)] Our position is to intensify the armed struggle and to mobilize world opinion to help our political, diplomatic, and material struggle. At the same time [words indistinct] the apartheid government of Pretoria and its boss, the Reagan administration. This is why we have this international solidarity campaign with our struggle, which is the result of the efforts of our people under SWAPO's leadership, the efforts of the Organization of African Unity, the United Nations, and the Nonaligned Movement. We believe that the combination of armed struggle in Namibia and the international campaign against the occupation of Namibia will lead to Namibia's independence in the near future.

[Labrada] Would you like to add anything to conclude this interview?

[(Angula)] We would like to thank the Cuban people and the people of Latin America in general for their consistent assistance and support for our struggle and call on the other countries of this hemisphere to increase their solidarity with the struggle of Namibia in particular and the people of southern Africa in general.

The document, which was signed by Malmierca and Osowski, shows concern for the seriousness of the conflict in Chad and highly praises the positive role played by the Non-aligned Movement for international peace and the easing of tensions.

During his 5-day visit to Poland, the Cuban foreign minister met with General Wojciech Tarzelski, chairman of the Polish Council of Ministers, to whom he transmitted a fraternal greeting from Commander in Chief Fidel Castro.

SRV FOREIGN MINISTER THACH VISITS SANTIAGO

FL270110 Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 27 Aug 83

[Text] Nguyen Co Thach, alternate member of the Vietnamese Communist Party Political Bureau and minister of foreign affairs of that fraternal country, today arrived at Antonio Maceo Airport in Santiago de Cuba.

On hand to welcome the Vietnamese foreign minister were Santos Godoy, alternate member of the Central Committee and second secretary of the party in the province, and Ernesto Suarez, vice president of the provincial assembly of the people's government.

Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach expressed joy over his visit to the cradle of the revolution and cited the close ties that unite the peoples of Cuba and Vietnam. He subsequently toured various historic sites in the city.

ATTORNEY GENERAL MEETS WITH SOVIET COUNTERPART.

FL300100 Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish 0000 GMT 30 Aug 83

[Text] Cuban Attorney General Idalberto Ladron de Guevara Quintana today met with his Soviet counterpart, Aleksandr Rekunkov. Among other subjects, they discussed aspects of cooperation between their offices.

HAVANA CITES ANGOLA'S DOS SANTOS ON CUBAN TROOPS

FL270050 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2300 GMT 26 Aug 83

[Text] Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos has recalled that Cuba has made sacrifices to help Angola defend its sovereignty and independence and reaffirmed that he would accept no demands for the withdrawal of the Cuban internationalist troops from Angolan soil.

Speaking today at a Luanda welcoming ceremony for UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar, the Angolan president proposed four essential conditions before Angola and Cuba would consider a new calendar for the withdrawal of Cuban forces. These conditions are: the withdrawal of racist South Africa's troops now occupying a portion of Angolan territory in Cunene Province, application of UN Security Council Resolution No 435 of 1978 for Namibia's independence, an end to South Africa's attacks on Angola, and an end to all support of UNITA [National Union for the Total Independence of Angola] counterrevolutionary bands.

After noting that Angolans know who their friends and enemies are, the Angolan president said — amid applause and shouts of "Long Live Cuba" — that the Cubans are in Angola to defend the country from foreign attack and that they were requested by the sovereign people of Angola. What must be demanded is the withdrawal of South African forces from Angola, Dos Santos concluded.

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ANGOP Decries BBC Report on Cubans in Cabinda
AB062123 Dakar PANA in French 1900 GMT 6 Sep 83

[Excerpt] Cabinda, 6 Sep (ANGOP/PANA) — Last Thursday, the first day of the current month, just 2 days before the reopening of the border between the Angolan Province of Cabinda (north of Angola) and Bas-Aaire Province in Zaire, the BBC, in its French-language broadcast "London Evening" at 1930 (Angolan time) announced falsely and with remarkable emphasis that "2,000 Cuban soldiers have reportedly landed at the Pointe Noire port en route to Cabinda in order to counter the repeated attacks by the Front for the Liberation of the Cabinda Enclave [FLEC]."

With a dose of deliberate provocation against Angola, this report, which is part of the West's destabilization acts against the progressive and revolutionary peoples, added that the defunct FLEC puppet group now has "7,000 bandits" and controls "liberated areas" within Angolan territory. If it were a medium-wave station whose programs are meant for students on vacation, one would say that the story was a tale; but to mistake 500 Cuban workers and technicians, who with their technology will help Angola, as the deputy minister for agriculture and forestry has said, in managing the Emedeira wood processing company, for 2,000 soldiers — then the matter assumes a different character, with the BBC having entirely premeditated and defined goals. To at this time shower praise on the moribund group called FLEC, which in fact has never been an organization of importance to the Angolan people, is mischief on the part of the BBC.

MPLA-Labor Party Issues Statement on Heroes Day
MB040730 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese
0500 GMT 3 Sep 83

[Statement by the MPLA-Labor Party Political Bureau — date and place not given]

[Text] On 17 September, National Heroes Day, we mark the 61st anniversary of the birth of Antonio Agostinho Neto, immortal leader of the Angolan revolution, the great architect of the victories of the Angolan people [words indistinct] for freedom. To pay homage to Agostinho Neto not only means to pay homage to the man who is the founder of the People's Republic of Angola and the MPLA-Labor Party, but also to all heroes and all children of the people who gave their lives in support of the ideas of independence, peace, and social progress. Agostinho Neto is the symbol of our struggle. He is the symbol of national unity and of all the heroes of the fatherland. His example as a man, an intellectual, and a politician, and his work must, therefore, constitute the repeated theme and standard of patriotic and revolutionary action of all Angolans.

The continuation of the struggle for the victory of the democratic and popular revolution and for the creation of the bases for the building of socialism are guaranteed by our loyalty to the soldiers defending the fatherland, by the creation of an independent economy in the service of the people, by the people's power, by the preparation of the working class to command the revolutionary process, by the worker-peasant alliance, by national unity, by our independent and internationalist foreign policy, and by the vanguard party. As Agostinho Neto himself stated, we will make Angola the fatherland of the workers, and the revolution will continue its triumphant march together with the peoples who follow the same path.

The struggle of the Angolan people has not been an easy one because imperialism has not put down its arms. The following words of the late President Agostinho Neto are still valid: Imperialism has not accepted and will never accept that Angola can develop itself toward building socialism. The imperialists have always wanted to have docile instruments in Africa willing to allow them to continuously exploit the wealth of the continent, and they have sought to transform such instruments into their lackeys. The imperialists would like all African countries to have not real independence, but political and economic subjugation, which the African peoples reject.

The same applies to Angola. The imperialists expected Angola to be a docile instrument. It was supposed to be an instrument willing to do what the imperialists want. However, Angola has not followed this path. Angola has followed the path of independence. Angola has followed the path of revolution. Angola has followed the path of building socialism. Naturally, Angola cannot, therefore, align itself with the reactionary forces both at home and abroad. Angola cannot follow that path, nor can it make any kind of concession to imperialism.

Imperialism means oppression of workers and peoples. Imperialism means that we will continue to be dependent on other countries and on specific social classes that exist in developed countries. We could not, therefore, choose our path nor follow the will of our people. We would always be alienated and colonized, as is the case of certain African countries.

Our fight for economic independence, for true and total independence, and for raising the standard of living of the people will continue to be strictly limited because of the undeclared war which has been imposed upon us by the South African racist and colonialist regime. We mark the day of the national hero at a time when the South African enemy has stepped up its criminal and destabilizing action. Imperialism, particularly North American imperialism, is the source of inspiration and means to fulfill the aggressive policy of the South African regime. Without the diplomatic, military, and economic support of imperialism, the South African regime would have succumbed long ago in view of the (?blows) by the national democratic and liberation movement of the peoples of South Africa and Namibia. Thanks to such support, the racists and colonialists of Pretoria can permit themselves the luxury of challenging the international community by sabotaging the implementation of UN Resolution 435 on the rise of Namibia to independence.

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ANGOLASONANGOL ENTERPRISE ACQUIRES MOBIL OIL FACILITIES

MB021229 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 2 Dec 82

[Text] The National Angolan Fuel Company [Sonangol] has acquired Mobil's installations in Luanda, Benguela and Namibia, that used to handle about 15 percent of the total fuel distributed in Angola. According to a contract signed in Luanda yesterday between Viegas de Abreu, the assistant general manager of Sonangol, and Braz Gouveia, the Mobil representative in Angola, both the national and foreign staff employed by Mobil will join Sonangol. Their integration, however, is not compulsory.

Meanwhile, Mobil trading activities are to continue as normal until the merger is completed by the end of March 1983. Sonangol will then have a monopoly in internal fuel trading.

CUBAN DELEGATION VISITS MALANGE PROVINCE

AB021313 Luanda ANGOP in French 1040 GMT 2 Dec 82

[Text] Malange, 2 Dec (ANGOP) -- The delegation from the Department of Revolutionary Orientation of the Communist Party of Cuba, headed by Rafael Gonzalez, which has been on a few days' visit to Malange Province, yesterday held discussions with Manuel Antonio, coordinator of the Department of Ideology of the Provincial Committee of the MPLA-Labor Party.

The discussions between the two parties centered on bilateral issues. Also yesterday, the Cuban delegation visited Kalandula Falls, about 80 km away from Malange township. It also visited the provincial offices of ANGOP and the regional station of the Angolan national broadcasting system.

NAMIBIASWAPO-D CRITICIZES EXTENSION OF ASSEMBLY

MB021350 Windhoek THE WINDHOEK ADVERTISER in English 26 Nov 82 p 5

[Text] SWAPO-D [SWAPO-Democrats] has strongly criticised the decision by the SA Government to extend the term of the National Assembly for another three months.

It did so this week in a statement in Windhoek signed by the party's secretary for information and publicity, Emil Appolus.

Referring to SA Prime Minister P.W. Botha's one reason for the extension, namely that the DTA is not ready at this juncture to compete in an election, Mr Appolus states: "To say that the 12 'parties' comprising the DTA are not at this juncture ready to face an election is tantamount to saying that there cannot be any election in Namibia in the foreseeable future. For, given another three months, the DTA will be in even greater disarray than it is now, and will therefore be less ready for an election."

The SWA SWAPO-D statement goes on to call on the "partiotic and genuinely nationalistic forces of Namibia to get together to cleanse the country of the political pollution and ethnic divisions which this group has wrought."

Referring to the SA Government's present position linking the Cuban withdrawal to a final settlement in Namibia, the statement adds: "Our position is that there is no relationship whatsoever between Cuba's presence in Angola -- or in any other part of globe for that matter --and that of the right of self-determination of the Namibian people."

FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT ON MANAGUA BOMBING

FLO91250 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1045 GMT 9 Sep 83

[Text] In acknowledgement of the Vandalic attack on the Nicaraguan capital by airplanes from Costa Rica, the Cuban Ministry of Foreign Relations has made public a declaration which we will summarize: The Nicaraguan Foreign Ministry announced that in the early hours of the morning of 8 September, two Cessna airplanes, coming from Costa Rica, bombed several places in Managua, causing some property damage. The declaration points out that this act could be the prelude to escalated activities that could endanger the precarious peace in the region. The action reminds us of the attack on Cuban airports just before the mercenary invasion of Playa Giron.

This attack on civilian targets in Managua was part of the escalated aggression of U.S. imperialism against the Sandinist people's revolution. But this policy of the Reagan administration against the Sandinist revolution and Central American patriots, who are fighting to rid themselves of centuries of exploitation, has taken on a more dangerous character with the recent U.S. measure of sending a naval fleet to the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of Central America.

The condemnatory declaration of the Cuban Foreign Relations Ministry points out that this cowardly aggression occurred at the same time that the Contadora Group foreign ministers were meeting with their Central American counterparts to seek negotiated solutions to the acute crisis in Central America. This fact, without doubt, opposes the negotiated peace measures that several governments are taking, and it shows once again that the true purposes of the United States and the reactionary regimes of the area are in opposition to these measures.

The Nicaraguan Government has given repeated demonstrations of its willingness to seek political solutions to the Central American problem. An example of this is the six-point proposal presented during the festivities commemorating the fourth anniversary of the revolution on 19 July.

Finally, the declaration says: The Government of the Republic of Cuba condemns this vile aggression against the brother people of Nicaragua, clearly carried out by counterrevolutionaries in the service of U.S. imperialism. It aggravates the already critical Central American situation. The declaration reiterates once again Cuba's solidarity with the Sandinist revolution.

RISQUET, ANGOLAN MINISTER HOLD TALKS ON NAMIBIA

AB082135 Luanda ANGOP in French 1120 GMT 8 Sep 83

[Text] Havana, 8 Sep (ANGOP) -- Angolan Minister of External Relations Paulo Jorge, who is currently visiting Cuba, and Jorge Risquet Valdes, a member of the Political Bureau of the Cuban Communist Party, during their talks in the Cuban capital (Havana) condemned the White House's stand on the issue of granting independence to Namibia, and also attempts by the imperialist forces to link the Namibian problem to the presence of Cuban troops in Angola. The Angolan diplomat and his Cuban host noted that the worsening of the international situation is due to the aggressive and militarist external policy of the Washington administration. Also, with the multifarious support it enjoys from the United States of America, racist South Africa is waging an undeclared war against the People's Republic of Angola and against the liberation movements in southern Africa. Finally, the Angolan minister of external relations and Jorge Risquet Valdes expressed their desire to see relations between the two parties and the two peoples further developed and strengthened.

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Jorge Reiterates Conditions for Cuban Withdrawal*AB191305 Luanda ANGOP in French 1100 GMT 19 Sep 83*

[Text] Luanda, 19 September (ANGOP) — The Cuban troops will withdraw from Angola only after the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of the South African forces from the country, the application of Security Council Resolution 435, the cessation of the South African aggression, and of the logistic and military support of the Pretoria regime to the band of UNITA puppets, Angolan External Affairs Minister Paulo Jorge stated yesterday.

The Angolan minister, who was addressing a group of foreign journalists now on a visit to investigate the refugee situation in Angola, thus reaffirmed the four conditions laid down by the Angolan head of state during UN Secretary General Perez de Cuellar's visit last August.

Concerning Angolan-U.S. talks aimed at establishing bilateral relations between the two countries, Paulo Jorge denounced the stance of Washington, which wants to impose preconditions, particularly the withdrawal of the Cuban troops from Angola, before diplomatic relations are reestablished. In this connection, he reaffirmed the principles governing Angola's foreign policy, which are: noninterference in the internal affairs of other states, equality, mutual respect, and mutually advantageous cooperation.

The Angolan diplomat also described the escalation of the war being waged by the Pretoria regime against Angola as the main factor destabilizing Angola's economic development, as it has compelled the country to devote all its resources to defense, thus neutralizing the government's efforts to improve the living standard of the Angolan people.

Concerning the Namibian problem, the minister again explained that the Namibian question is the responsibility of the entire international community because Angola alone cannot continue to bear the consequences of the postponement of this territory's independence process caused by racist South Africa with the complicity of Western powers.

Envoy to Cuba Blames U.S. for Namibian Impasse*FL192220 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1700 GMT 19 Sep 83*

[Text] Angolan Ambassador to Cuba Mwaete Joao Baptista has asserted that the U.S. Government is responsible for the impasse in negotiations for the independence of Namibia. After describing the military situation in southern Angola as grave, the diplomat noted that following the South African attack on the population of Cangamba, the People's Armed Forces for the Liberation of Angola launched a victorious offensive in Moxico which inflicted serious losses on the racist enemy.

He said that South Africa has become more aggressive because of Washington's encouragement in an attempt to continue to block the independence of Namibia. In that context, the attacks

against Angolan territory have increased. He added that, up to the present time, Pretoria's attacks on Angola have caused material losses of over \$8 million and its troops perpetrated many crimes, but the Angolan people continue to fight and are certain of their eventual victory over the racist and fascist regime. At a press conference held a few hours ago, the Angolan ambassador said:

[Begin Baptista recording] Concerning Namibian independence, our only requirements are the withdrawal of South African troops from Namibia, the implementation of UN Resolution 435, and not linking the independence of Namibia with the presence of Cuban internationalists in Angola. The presence of Cuban internationalists in Angola is sovereign matter only of concern to the People's Republic of Angola.

The U.S. Government has put pressure on other countries to have them back their thesis, the policy of linkage. But all of us are unanimous in this principle. It is not just our criteria. It was and is the response of all frontline states regarding the situation prevailing in Namibia at this time.

We are united in agreement in defending the principle of the OAU for the complete decolonization of Namibia. We respond to one principle, and we are working on it. No one will be able to undermine the unity of the frontline states concerning the issue of Namibian independence. [end recording]

EC Parliamentarians' Meeting With UNITA Protested*AB191230 Luanda ANGOP in French 1115 GMT 19 Sep 83*

[Text] Luanda, 19 September (ANGOP) — About 47 African states recently protested to the EEC in Brussels against the clandestine entry into Angolan territory of members of the European Parliament, reliable sources have indicated in the Belgian capital.

The protest letter sent to the president of the European Parliament stated that the European parliamentarians on 15 June illegally entered the southern part of Angola where they had contacts with UNITA bandits and South African invaders.

These contacts, it is said, resulted in the signing of a communique in which they admitted that a first contact had taken place between the Common Market and the UNITA puppets.

In the letter, the African states expressed their strong indignation and disapproval concerning this practice, which constitutes a deliberate provocation as well as an interference in Angola's internal affairs and which compromised the European Parliament, an organization that deserves great respect.

The African countries, however, urged the EEC to take effective measures to ensure the pursuance of the efforts of this economic institution aimed at consolidating the friendly relations uniting the African and European peoples on the basis of mutual respect for the sovereignty of each party in accordance with international norms and practice.

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Foreign Minister Receives SRV Support Message
AB211215 Luanda ANGOP in French 1100 GMT 21 Sep 83

[Text] Luanda, 21 Sep (ANGOP)— Vo Dong Giang, minister of foreign affairs of the Soci-list Republic of Vietnam, [title as received] has sent a message to his Angolan counterpart, Paulo Teixeira Jorge, in which he expressed the profound indignation of his people at the aggression carried out by the racist South African regime against the People's Republic of Angola.

The Vietnamese minister also condemns the absurd position of the racists in linking the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola with the Namibian independence issue. Pretoria, the message adds, flagrantly violates the independence and sovereignty of the People's Republic of Angola, grossly flouting international laws and openly throwing a challenge to the progressive public opinion of Africa and the world.

The message states that the Vietnamese people insist on an immediate end to these criminal acts and express support for the four conditions presented by President Jose Eduardo dos Santos, demanding the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of the South African forces from Angolan territory and the immediate and scrupulous implementation of the UN Security Council Resolution 435 on Namibia.

Further on Havana Envoy Press Conference
MB220847 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 22 Sep 83

[Text] Mwaete Joao Baptiste, the Angolan ambassador to Cuba, said in Havana that Angola would ask for more assistance from its friends and natural allies in case there was an increase in South African acts of aggression against the country. At a press conference, the ambassador spoke about the relations of friendship and cooperation between Angola and Cuba, which are a cause for envy for the United States.

He pointed out that the Cubans would remain in Angola to the benefit of the two countries. In this connection, Mwaete Joao Baptiste referred to the existing situation in Angola and the boycott of the Namibian independence process by the United States, which is now introducing a new idea in this process connected to the so-called security in the region, which is nothing but an attempt to prevent the solution of the issue.

The ambassador also said that he was concerned about the Israeli presence in the neighboring Republic of Zaire in view of the role played by Israel in the Middle East.

Delegates Leave for DPRK Nonaligned Meeting
MB220849 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 22 Sep 83

[Text] Angola will take part in the first conference of the ministers of education and culture from nonaligned and developing

countries due to take place in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea 24-28 September 1983. Our delegations, led by Comrade Boaventura Cardoso, the secretary of state for culture, left Luanda the day before yesterday for that country. The deputy minister of basic education, Joaquim Matias, is also included in the delegation.

According to ANGOP, after attending the conference, Comrade Boaventura Cardoso will leave for the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic for a working visit at the invitation of his Czechoslovak counterpart.

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13 Plotters Against President, Security Sentenced
MB211238 Antananarivo Domestic Service in French 0430 GMT 21 Sep 83

[Text] One of the items dominating domestic news today is the case of the 13 people who have been charged with plotting against state security and with carrying out attempts against the life of the president of the republic. The trial began the day before yesterday, and the verdict was just passed about 15 minutes ago at the High Court at (Anousi). The court had been hearing the cases since yesterday evening.

We shall give you results in our next newscast, but now, as things are, we can say that the main accused have been given suspended sentences. The principal defendant has been given a maximum suspended sentence of 5 years. The others have been given suspended sentences of 3 years or acquitted on the benefit of doubt or due to extenuating circumstances. We shall have complete reports on the trial in our next newscast.

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Foreign Minister Returns From DPRK, PRC Visits
MB211827 Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 1700 GMT 21 Sep 83

[Text] Foreign Minister Joaquim Chissano returned to Maputo this afternoon after visiting the DPRK and the PRC. Soon after his arrival at Maputo International Airport, Joaquim Chissano gave an interview to the media, during which he dealt with the aim of his visit to those two socialist countries:

[Begin recording][Chissano] Yes, we went to the DPRK to take part in the celebrations of the 35th anniversary of the founding of this republic. There we had the opportunity of being received by various officials of the Korean state, including President Kim Il-song. We held talks about aspects of bilateral cooperation. We had the opportunity to brief them about our present situation in Mozambique and southern Africa. We then went to the PRC.

[Unidentified reporter] Mr Minister, in general, what were the results of the visit to the PRC?

[Chissano] We achieved positive results both in the DPRK and the PRC. Actually, we went to the PRC with the sole aim of

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The main objective of the Guatemalan military coup falls within the framework of the United States' ultimate goal to incorporate that Central American country in the group of regional governments that have become instruments of its imperialist's plans to overthrow the Sandinist government.

The Yankees are concerned about their economic interests in the region, but they pay no attention to the state of misery that prevails. Guatemala is a victim of this situation. With more than 7 million inhabitants, Guatemala is a highly populated country with abundant natural resources. However, the exploitation of these resources only benefits U.S. transnational corporations.

Statistics show that 59 percent of the country's total income is concentrated in the hands of just 5 percent of the country's population, while 50 percent of the population receives only 7 percent of the national income.

The former dean of the Medical School of the Guatemalan University of San Marcos said recently in Panama City that more than 2,500 people are killed each year in his country, another 450 await sentencing by the so-called special courts, and an undetermined number of unidentified corpses remain in common graves. He noted that 81 percent of Guatemalan children suffer from malnutrition and the average life expectancy is just 56 years in urban areas and 40 years in rural areas. He added that 1/3 of the Guatemalan population is unemployed, and due to the policy of terror implemented by the governments in power, tens of thousands of Guatemalans have had to leave their fatherland and flee to other countries.

Despite this situation, the U.S. Government praises the new group in power because it unconditionally agrees with imperialism's aggressive plans for the region.

ALARCON SAYS MORE TROOPS FOR ANGOLA POSSIBLE

PA222020 Paris AFP in Spanish 1959 GMT 22 Sep 83

[Text] London, 22 Sep (AFP) — Cuba is prepared to send more troops to Angola if that African country requests it, Ricardo Alarcon de Quesada, Cuban vice minister of foreign affairs, said today in London.

"We went to Angola to aid it in its efforts to protect itself from South African aggression, and we would be sympathetic to a request to send more troops," the Cuban vice minister told the London press.

Asked about the conditions necessary for a Cuban withdrawal from Angola, Alarcon replied that "the answer must be sought from Pretoria. We are there to aid an independent African state, while South Africa is defying international law."

On the situation in Central America, the Cuban vice minister reiterated that his government does not supply weapons to the Salvadoran guerrillas: "No one can prove that we do," he said. "The rebels have easier ways of obtaining them than by contraband, they can simply seize them from the corrupt forces."

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Rogelio [Fis], hero of the harvest, gave the second secretary of our party a check for 289,903 pesos for the Territorial Militia Troops. The keynote speech was delivered by Comrade Rafael Valdes Valdes, first secretary of the Ciego de Avila Provincial Committee.

The new military center, with a capacity for 600 students, allows for the training of our young men to complete their various military careers in the FAR's higher education centers and abroad. The special classrooms, infantry firing range, library, and other facilities allow for the young men's training in theoretical as well as practical subjects. A large recreational area also facilitates student participation in sports such as swimming, basketball, and athletic events, which contribute to their physical training. The Camilo Cienfuegos military schools constitute a strong link in the defense of our fatherland.

U.S. CRITICIZED FOR CARIBBEAN SEA POLLUTION

PA252000 Havana International Service in Spanish 1600 GMT 25 Sep 83

[Text] Cuba has accused the United States of conducting transshipping operations involving its large tankers in the Caribbean Sea, increasing the level of contamination and risking further accidents in the area. Cuban Vice Minister of Transportation Serafin Fernandez, speaking at the closing session of an international symposium on marine contamination held in Havana, criticized the U.S. intention to turn the Caribbean into a radioactive waste dump, a practice that seriously threatens seabeds and coasts.

At the meeting, attended by more than 200 Latin American and Caribbean advisers, delegates, and guests, the Cuban official referred to the serious menace posed by contamination of the Caribbean Sea, through which 5 million barrels of hydrocarbons are shipped daily. He also noted that the 73 refineries operating in the area process 12 million tons of hydrocarbons on a daily basis. The symposium highlighted the success of the UN program designed to train Cuban experts in the cleaning and maintenance of Havana Bay, the largest in the area. On this topic, Fernandez voiced Cuba's willingness to offer its experience in that field to such other nations as may require it.

487 STUDENTS TRAINING TO TEACH IN ANGOLA

FL151839 Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish 1700 GMT 15 Sep 83

[Text] What used to be the Santiago Figueroa Cruz Basic Secondary School now houses the school of the fifth contingent of the Ernesto Che Guevara Internationalist Teachers Detachment, which will collaborate in the sister nation of Angola. The school, located in the Municipality of San Antonio de los Banos, in addition to being a school, is a place where solidarity is part of the atmosphere and where the qualities which characterize our youth are highly valued.

A total of 487 students began their 3d year in the principal profession, education. In 1 more year they will pass the subjects corresponding to the 3d and 4th year and then leave for Angola. In addition to the courses corresponding to their respective specialities, they will learn Portuguese and receive classes on Angolan history. They will teach classes in mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, geography, and social sciences. Although their average age is 20 and they will receive their first experience as teachers with Angolan students, their disposition and education are such that they, like those of the previous contingents, will once more demonstrate the internationalist work of the Cubans.

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Foreign Trade Talks With Cuba Under Way

*MB040900 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese
0500 GMT 4 Oct 83*

[Text] Official talks in the field of foreign trade between our country and the Republic of Cuba are under way in Luanda in order to examine the evolution of trade relations between the two countries. The plan for development of trade relations is included in the working agenda of this meeting, which is taking place under the leadership of [Foreign Trade] Ministers Ismael Martins on the Angolan side and Ricardo Cabrizas Ruiz for the Republic of Cuba. The Cuban Foreign Trade Ministry delegation, which arrived in Luanda Saturday, is expected to hold talks with a number of Angolan Government officials and visit some of our country's provinces.

Meeting Discusses ODP Work, Propaganda, Defense

*MB021018 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese
0700 GMT 2 Oct 83*

[Text] The first national assembly of coordinators of the MPLA-Labor Party cells in the People's Defense Organization [ODP] ended its working sessions at the Commander (Jika) Political and Military School in Luanda early last night. The assembly analyzed the activities carried out by the MPLA-Labor Party grassroots organizations within the ODP and discussed matters concerning improvements in combat, operational and political preparedness and military discipline, and the present conditions [words indistinct] of the combatants [in that] organization.

The participants [words indistinct] recommended that the ODP political leadership make party activities more dynamic in accordance with higher directives from the political leadership of the Popular Forces for the Liberation of Angola and exercise greater control over transfers of members of the party and the Youth of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola [JMPLA] in accordance with the guidelines of the party's Central Committee.

The assembly recommended that the coordinators of the MPLA-Labor Party cells and the ODP instill greater action into the activities of the respective party grassroots organizations and in the application of penalties against those who violate the guidelines determined by the authorities. It was recommended that the political commissars of the provincial commands of the ODP give greater attention to the political and cultural activities of the party's grassroots organizations and the JMPLA.

In his closing speech, Captain (Joao Domingos Kaiama), chief of the political directorate of the ODP command, encouraged the participants to implement the guidelines approved during the meeting so that the political and ideological work among combatants becomes more effective. He also said that broad, dynamic propaganda activity is necessary in order to convey to the people the political line of the MPLA-Labor Party and to enlighten the combatants about the ideals of the defense of the fatherland.

Crude Oil Exports Over 11 Million Barrels

*MB030901 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese
0500 GMT 3 Oct 83*

[Text] The National Angolan Fuel Company and the Cabinda Gulf Oil Company exported over 11 million barrels of crude oil, of which the United States was the main buyer during the second quarter of this year. During the same period, the Cabinda provincial department of the Ministry of Foreign Trade issued 21 licenses to import raw materials and foodstuff valued at over 23 million kwanzas. Sources in Cabinda point out that enterprises connected with import, notably (Cabimex) and (Angodespachos), are experiencing a satisfactory economic situation and that work being carried out by the latter is valued at 19,493,000 kwanzas, which is equivalent to 8 percent more than what was planned. Within the framework of its pledges, (Angodespachos) has supplied 13,167,548 kwanzas to the state general budget the second quarter of this year.

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Masire Address to Nation on Independence Anniversary

*MB301500 Gaborone Domestic Service in English 1100 GMT
30 Sep 83*

[Address to the nation by President Dr Quett Masire on the 17th anniversary of the country's independence — recorded]

[Text] On the occasion of the 17th anniversary of our independence, it gives me great pleasure, indeed, to extend to all people of Botswana my warmest congratulations and best wishes. Today, 30 September, is our national birthday, a day of reflection and a day of hope. It is an opportunity for us to revitalize our commitment to work for a better future.

The past 12 months have been a period of mixed blessings for our country. On the political front, we have continued to enjoy an atmosphere of peace and stability, thanks to our unflinching commitment to preserve those democratic traditions and ideals which have made our nation an object of envy and admiration in a world full of strife. In order to maintain this national character, we must be vigilant to defend our democracy against encroachment from within or from without.

The political stability which has become a way of life in Botswana is an index of our country's maturity and sense of purpose. This does not mean that we should allow ourselves to be lulled into complacency and self-satisfaction. Our national unity and our chosen path of development will from time to time be put to a test of endurance. We should never be found wanting in our resolve to maintain a united, stable, and peaceful nation.

In this connection, I need hardly remind the nation that the coming year is a year of our general elections. The registration of voters will take place before the end of the year. It will be those who will have registered themselves who will be in a position to exercise the right to vote in 1984. It is my duty to appeal to you all to register yourselves as voters.

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FLO41352 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1100 GMT 4 Oct 83

[Text] U.S. President Ronald Reagan has officially cancelled his planned visit to the Philippines, Indonesia, and Thailand, according to White House spokesman Larry Speakes.

Speakes said that the U.S. President should be present for the upcoming session of Congress. But journalistic sources noted that the unexpected cancellation could be linked to recent anti-U.S. demonstrations in the Philippines.

AMBASSADOR TO ANGOLA STRESSES FRIENDSHIP, TIES

PA032346 Havana International Service in Spanish 1600 GMT 3 Oct 83

[Text] According to Cuban Ambassador to Angola Rodolfo Puentes Ferro, the bonds of Cuban-Angolan friendship will never be broken. They will remain, historically, eternal and indestructible.

During a visit to Namibe, Puentes Ferro stressed that the friendly ties between the two peoples date back to 1965, when a historic meeting between Commander Ernesto "Che" Guevara and Angolan leader Agostinho Neto was held in Brazzaville.

Puentes Ferro pointed out that since that time, relations between the two countries have been strengthened in the struggle against a common enemy and sealed with the blood shed by both Cubans and Angolans, who fought in the same trenches.

The envoy reiterated Cuba's rejection of the U.S. and South African policy linking Namibian independence to the withdrawal of Cuban troops in Angola.

He stressed that the presence of those internationalist troops in Angola is a matter concerning Cuba and Angola alone.

ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION ENDS VISIT TO INDIA

FLO42250 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2130 GMT 4 Oct 83

[Text] New Delhi — Dr Fidel Castro Diaz Balart, executive secretary of Cuba's Atomic Energy Commission, has concluded an official visit to India impressed pleasantly with the development achieved by India in the nuclear field.

Castro Diaz Balart arrived in the port city of Bombay on 25 September leading a delegation of experts fulfilling an invitation extended by the president of India's Atomic Energy Commission, Dr (Rajah Ramagna).

According to members of the Cuban delegation contacted shortly before their departure, the visit gave them the opportunity to see first hand the progress achieved by India in the peaceful uses of atomic energy, radiation protection, nuclear medicine, food radiation, and other industrial and agricultural applications of interest to Cuba.

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Dos Santos Receives USSR, SDAR Ambassadors

MB060609 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 6 Oct 83

[Text] Comrade Jose Eduardo dos Santos, chairman of the MPLA-Labor Party and president of the People's Republic of Angola, received Vadim Loginov, ambassador of the Soviet Union, and (Ahmed Sueilem Abdelahri), ambassador of the SDAR, in Luanda yesterday. The SDAR ambassador delivered a personal message from President Mohamed Abdelaziz to the Angolan head of state.

Soviet Friendship Union Official Begins Visit

MB050833 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 5 Oct 83

[Text] Zinaida Kruglova, chairman of the Union of Soviet Societies for Friendship and Cultural Relations With Foreign Countries, arrived in Luanda last night for a 2-day official visit to our country. At the 4 February International Airport, Zinaida Kruglova expressed her satisfaction at visiting our country, saying it will enable her to ascertain Angola's cultural development. Zinaida Kruglova, who is also a member of the CPSU Central Committee and deputy to the USSR Supreme Soviet, will be received this morning by Comrade Afonso van Dunem Mbinda, secretary of the Central Committee for External Relations, and Comrade Ruth Neto, secretary general of the Organization of Angolan Women. On her visit to Angola the Soviet official is accompanied by (German Guirou), secretary general of the Soviet Society for Friendship With African Countries.

GDR, USSR Condemn Pretoria's War of Aggression

MB050809 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 5 Oct 83

[Text] The international community continues its strong condemnation of the acts of aggression by the Pretoria racist regime against the People's Republic of Angola and of the support it gives to the UNITA criminal gangs. In a press conference given the day before yesterday, the ambassador of the GDR accredited to Luanda condemned the policy of aggression and destabilization followed by the Pretoria racist regime against Angola and demanded the cessation of military or any other support to South Africa by the Western powers. Meanwhile, the Soviet Union has reiterated its solidarity with the Angolan people during a meeting in Moscow between Boris Ponomarev, candidate member of the CPSU Political Bureau, and Comrade Roberto de Almeida, secretary for ideology of the MPLA-Labor Party Central Committee. The Soviet official once again condemned the war of aggression being waged by South Africa against Angola.

Cuban Ambassador Speaks in Namibe Province

MB041156 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 4 Oct 83

[Text] The Cuban ambassador accredited to our country, Rodolfo Fuentes Ferro, recently visited Namibe Province. During his stay in the province, Fuentes Ferro underlined the existing friendship between his country and the People's Republic of Angola and pointed out that this friendship will never [words indistinct]. The Cuban diplomat recalled that the ties of friendship between the two peoples began in 1965 during the historical meeting held in Brazzaville by the unforgettable heroes Ernesto Che Guevara and Agostinho Neto, were consolidated as time went on the common struggle for a common ideal and cause and against a common enemy, and were sealed by the blood shed in battle by Cubans and Angolans. The Cuban ambassador to our country also underlined the unselfish and humanitarian attitude always shown by the Cuban civilian aid workers in Angola as well as in other countries of the world.

Fuentes Ferro also made it very clear that the Cuban troops in Angola had come at the request of the MPLA-Labor Party to protect the country from a large-scale aggression by Pretoria, and it is thus an issue which pertains to the two sovereign states alone. Rodolfo Fuentes Ferro, who was received by the Namibe Province commissar, visited the commercial harbor, the ore terminal, and the provincial headquarters of the MPLA-Labor Party during his stay there.

Luanda To Participate in Lome Convention Talks

MB051031 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0500 GMT 5 Oct 83

[Text] The People's Republic of Angola, represented by Comrade (Carlos Fernandes), secretary of state for cooperation, will take part in the talks for the renewal of the Lome Convention, which governs cooperation between the EEC countries and the 62 African, Caribbean, and Pacific [ACP] countries. The talks are expected to begin in Luxembourg tomorrow. Meanwhile, the council of ministers of the ACP countries met in Brussels yesterday and Angola was represented by Comrade Joachim de Lemos, ambassador to the EEC. Following an invitation in June last year, and after various consultations, the People's Republic of Angola agreed to take part in the talks to outline the Third Lome Convention between the EEC and ACP. It will be recalled that the agreement was initially made through a letter sent to Edgard Pisani, European commissioner for development. The letter stressed that the participation of the People's Republic of Angola, apart from its importance in the future of bilateral relations with the EEC and the inclusion of the development of the Angolan economy in the context of North-South cooperation, also reflects the progress that has been made by the Angolan people in the present phase of national reconstruction. The letter also states that the participation of Angola in the talks indicates the growing international prestige and respect already gained by the Angolan people, as well as the favorable conditions that have been created for the growth and diversification of international economic relations with the rest of the world based on internationally accepted principles.

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GDR Ambassador Discusses Economic Cooperation

*MB061300 Maputo in English to Southern Africa
1100 GMT 6 Oct 83*

[Text] The ambassador of the GDR to Mozambique has forecast closer political and economic cooperation between his country and Mozambique. Johannes Vogel was speaking at a press conference in Maputo as a preliminary to tomorrow's celebration of the GDR national day. He recalled intergovernmental agreements and solidarity action by the German people.

On the international level, Mr Vogel said Mozambique faced more favorable conditions for integrating its economy into the bloc of developed socialist countries. The GDR was ready to support Mozambique's admission to the Comecon, he said. He added that his own country had extensive dealings with Western countries and capitalist countries. Mr Vogel reiterated his country's opposition to apartheid and racism and to the arms race.

Machel Cites Plans for Industrial, Mining Sectors

*MB061000 Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese
1745 GMT 4 Oct 83*

["Excerpt" from speech by President Samora Machel at dinner given in his honor in Brussels on 3 October by the Belgian-African Chamber of Commerce — recorded]

[Text] Our economic policy is based mainly on agriculture. We are, therefore, open to the development of our agricultural potential on various bases, ranging from contracts for technical assistance to private enterprises. A number of projects have already been identified, and it is now necessary to implement them.

On the industrial level, our priority is to make the existing industrial sector, of which an important part is of Belgian origin, particularly the sugar, textile, and beer industries, profitable. It is in the interests of Belgian enterprises to take part in the Massingir hydroelectrical station, in the Moatize coal treatment unit, and also in other specific projects.

We also give special attention to the development of mining production. Southern Africa has fabulous resources for mining. South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zaire, and Zambia are countries where production commands a great deal of influence. We think that in a matter of years mining production in Mozambique will be a great reality. We have reasons to make such a prediction.

In fact, we are gradually increasing our knowledge about our country's geology. We have several billion tons of high grade coal. We intend to begin soon exploration for natural gas. A recently conducted seismic survey revealed very favorable geological aspects for oil research.

In our region political and economic changes occur at a very rapid pace. In 1979 it was not possible to sign trade agreements, at least legally, with enterprises of the then Rhodesia. Today Zimbabwe is independent. Today there is the Southern African Development Coordination Conference.

Defense Minister Visits Military Training Center

*MB061050 Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese
0800 GMT 6 Oct 83*

[Text] Minister of National Defense Lieutenant General Alberto Chipande paid a working visit yesterday to the political and military training center at Manhica in Maputo Province as part of the visits he began on Monday to Mozambique military units in the southern part of the country. At the Manhica political and military training center, Lt Gen Alberto Chipanda examined in detail the organizational aspects of the center and closely followed the training program.

SOUTH AFRICA**Johannesburg Cites Speakes on Angola, Namibia**

*MB061558 Johannesburg Domestic Service in English
1500 GMT 6 Oct 83*

[Text] A spokesman for the U.S. State Department says the Reagan administration is continuing to work for the independence of South-West Africa/Namibia despite disagreement on the withdrawal of Cuban troops from neighboring Angola. Mr Larry Speakes told reporters in Washington that the MPLA government of Angola had not changed its attitude on the presence of Cuban troops, despite the increasingly successful attacks by the Angolan resistance movement, UNITA.

However, the United States would continue to seek a settlement for South-West Africa/Namibia, bearing in mind the security concerns of all parties involved in the negotiations. Mr Speakes said the United States believed that the only practical solution would be an agreement that provided for the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola and South African troops from South-West Africa/Namibia.

U.S. Embassy Denial of Police Affiliation Reported

*MB061948 Johannesburg Domestic Service in English
1900 GMT 6 Oct 83*

[Text] A spokesman for the U.S. Embassy in South Africa has categorically denied an allegation that his government had any affiliation whatsoever with the police during today's incident in Johannesburg when 22 journalists were detained. The journalists were detained during a demonstration which was a sequel to alleged happenings in the Katlehong residential area on the East Rand this week.

The embassy spokesman said it had come to his attention that one of the plainclothes police officers had worn an American flag emblem during the incident. The spokesman added that, if the allegation was true, the matter would be reported to the South African police. A police spokesman in Pretoria has said that he knows nothing about such an incident. Should the American Embassy request this, the matter would be thoroughly investigated.

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Jorge Addresses Nonaligned Delegates at UN
MB080901 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese
 0500 GMT 8 Oct 83

[Text] In New York, Foreign Minister Paulo Jorge has in recent days discussed the political and military situation in the People's Republic of Angola at a time when imperialist forces are launching their attacks against our country with utmost intensity.

In a speech made at U.N. Headquarters to representatives of nonaligned countries participating in the 38th session of the United Nations, the Angolan foreign minister called on the international community to render material and financial support to Angola to enable it to counter the imperialist offensive. Thus, Comrade Paulo Jorge stressed the aggravation of tension in the southern region of the African Continent, particularly in our country, which is being attacked by the South African Army and destabilized by the criminal actions of the UNITA puppets.

Pratoria's aim of destabilization, by invading and occupying over the past 2 years a large part of Cunene Province, was once again condemned by Foreign Minister Paulo Jorge. He also pointed out that these external armed attacks and the acts of sabotage which completely destroy economic installations and (machines) are part of the overall strategy of imperialism vis-a-vis southern Africa and most particularly a state which has opted for the socialist path of life, the People's Republic of Angola.

The Angolan foreign minister also stressed that the objective of the destabilization offensive is to install a neocolonial regime in Angola and thereby liquidate the process of the accession of Namibia to independence.

In his speech at the meeting of the representatives of nonaligned countries in New York, Comrade Paulo Jorge recalled that the last summit of the nonaligned countries held in New Delhi condemned the acts of aggression on and destabilization of Angola and called for the withdrawal of South African troops from its southern region. It also called for the application of U.N. Resolution 435 and the cessation of maneuvers aimed at conditioning the independence of Namibia to the withdrawal of the Cuban troops from Angola.

Foreign Minister Paulo Jorge gave an interview 2 days ago to several U.N. radio reporters in which he stressed the same points and reiterated the support of the Angolan people for the revolutionary vanguards of the Namibian and South African peoples, SWAPO and ANC respectively.

We note that the Angolan foreign minister will address on 11 October the participants of the 38th U.N. session currently under way in New York.

The foreign minister will visit Portugal 13 and 14 October at the invitation of Portuguese Foreign Minister Jaime Gama. During the visit, which will start the day after the official visit of the Mozambique president to Portugal ends, Comrade Paulo Jorge

and Jaime Gama will discuss issues relating to relations between the two countries.

Cuban Attorney General Begins 8-Day Visit
MB080932 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese
 0500 GMT 8 Oct 83

[Text] The Cuban attorney general, Dr Idalberto Guevara Quintana, arrived in Luanda yesterday on an 8-day visit to our country at the invitation of Dr (Antero de Abreu), attorney general of the People's Republic of Angola. Yesterday, following a previously established program, Dr Idalberto Quintana was received by Comrade Bernardo de Sousa, first national secretary of the People's Assembly, with whom he discussed the sector that the national secretary heads after touring the offices of People's Assembly and the 10 December Hall. Later the Cuban delegation visited the Luanda Appeal Court, where it was received by Dr (Maria do Carmo Vendina), acting presiding judge, and other judges of the court. The Cuban delegation then held a meeting which was attended by the Angolan attorney general and magistrates of the attorney general's office. Dr Idalberto Guevara Quintana will also be received by the secretary of the Central Committee of the MPLA-Labor Party for state and judicial bodies, Henrique Santos Onanbuc, and the minister of justice, Comrade Diogenes de Boavida. This afternoon there will be a meeting between Angolan and Cuban delegations at the office of the attorney general.

150 Soviet Doctors Reportedly Work in Country
AB110830 Luanda ANGOP in French 1750 GMT 10 Oct 83

[Text] Moscow, 10 Oct (ANGOP) More than 150 Soviet doctors work in the People's Republic of Angola under the complex conditions existing in the country, particularly in the fight against epidemics and in the treatment of the sick and the wounded victims of South Africa's continued aggressions, it has been learned from the Soviet capital.

Over the past years Soviet doctors have treated more than 2 million Angolans. They have carried out more than 90 surgical operations and have contributed efficiently toward the organization and consolidation of the Angolan public health system by using new methods of medical examination and treating the sick.

These Soviet doctors, the source continues, are engaged in preventive campaigns against some diseases and educate the people on sanitation and hygiene.

28-30 Sep Actions, Military Call-Ups Reported
MB071109 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese
 0500 GMT 7 Oct 83

[Text] The operations which are in progress against the armed bandits in the service of racist South Africa, namely, in the Provinces of Benguela, Huambo, and Bie, resulted in the deaths of 40 bandits and the capture of 13 in the last 3 days of September. A total of 150 civilians have also been released, and variety of military equipment captured. This was disclosed yea-

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Shipping, Transportation Conference

FL111540 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1100 GMT 11 Oct 83

[Text] The conference of shipping organizations from CEMA member countries opened at the Havana Libre Hotel in this capital with the participation of representatives from international shipping organizations. The objectives of the meeting are to improve multinational cooperation among shipping organizations of CEMA member countries in the area of international transportation and shipping. The forum's opening session was presided over by Otto Roca, Cuban vice minister of transportation, who welcomes the representatives from Bulgaria, Hungary, the GDR, Poland, Romania, the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, and Yugoslavia.

TRADE PROTOCOL SIGNED WITH ROMANIA AT FAIR

FL112018 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1505 GMT 11 Oct 83

[Text] At the Cuban pavilion in Romania, the Day of Cuba was celebrated within the framework of the 1983 International Fair of Bucharest with the presence of personages from the host country.

Minister of Domestic Trade Manuel Vila presided over the festivities in the international fair together with Cuban Ambassador to Romania Rodney Lopez Clemente and other functionaries of the Cuban Embassy. Contracts totaling R46 million for the delivery to our country of diverse transport equipment were signed in Bucharest by representatives of Cuban and Romanian foreign trade enterprises. The contracts include trucks, micro-buses, and vehicles of other types, and it is hoped that an agreement will be reached soon to ship 17 million pesos in other products to Cuba.

FERNANDEZ MELL MEETS WITH DPRK DELEGATION

FL120148 Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish 0100 GMT 12 Oct 83

[Text] Oscar Fernandez Mell, a member of Cuba's Communist Party Central Committee and president of the Havana City Provincial People's Government, today met with a delegation of the People's Committee from the city of Pyongyang, DPRK.

The delegation, headed by Paek Hak-yon, first vice president of the committee, which is visiting Havana at the invitation of the provincial government, will hold working sessions with leaders of the Provincial People's Government and will visit industrial and agricultural centers and other social projects.

CUBA, ANGOLA SIGN TRADE AGREEMENT IN LUANDA

FL072305 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2130 GMT 7 Oct 83

[Text] Luanda -- A memorandum of negotiations which analyzes the development of trade relations between Cuba and Angola in recent years and their future development prospects has been signed by representatives of the two countries.

At the present time, the balance of trade favors Cuba. Angola imports 5 million tons of sugar per year from Cuba. The agreements just signed project an increase in the variety of products to be traded. Angola will export to Cuba liquid gas, fish flour, lubricants, and timber. The protocol was signed by Cuban Foreign Trade Minister Ricardo Cabrizas and his Angolan counterpart, Ismael Martins.

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PA131752 Havana International Service in Spanish 1600 GMT 13 Oct 83

[Text] In a speech to the UN General Assembly, Manuel dos Santos, Mozambican permanent ambassador to the United Nations, demanded the total independence of the Namibian people without establishing as a precondition the withdrawal of the Cuban troops from Angola since, he stressed, it is absurd that a link or parallelism between the two situations be established. Dos Santos condemned the presence of South African troops in Angola, Pretoria's aggressions against Lesotho and Botswana, and the apartheid regime's acts of destabilization against Swaziland, Zambia, and Mozambique. We accept, he said, a dialogue which will bring peace to Africa, as long as it comes with the genuine independence of Namibia and the eradication of apartheid and racial discrimination.

Kenyan Foreign Minister Elijah Mwangale [title as heard] repudiated the violation of the arms embargo on South Africa by some countries, and he warned the allies of the Pretoria regime that the sale of military material to the racists constitutes a threat to international peace and security. In clear reference to the United States, Mwangale rejected the linkage suggested and promoted by a permanent member of the Security Council regarding the independence of Namibia and the withdrawal of the Cuban troops from Angola. He said this position has led to greater intransigence and aggressiveness by the South African regime.

Similar views were expressed by the foreign ministers of Zimbabwe and Niger, Witness Mangwende and Daouda Diallo, who said that any linkage between the Namibian problem and situations that concern other sovereign states is inadmissible.

MELBA HERNANDEZ IN EGYPT WITH AALAPSO DELEGATION

FL122127 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1700 GMT 12 Oct 83

[Text] Cairo -- The secretary general of the Afro-Asian-Latin American People's Solidarity Organization -- AALAPSO -- has arrived in the Egyptian capital accompanied by a delegation.

Melba Hernandez and those accompanying her were met at the local airport by (Raudi Abd al-Razak), secretary general of the Asian-African People's Solidarity Organization, and (Bam Nausha) of Egypt's Solidarity Committee.

CUBA, KUWAIT SIGN COOPERATION AGREEMENT

FL121438 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1200 GMT 12 Oct 83

[Text] Cuba and Kuwait have signed a cooperation agreement in the information field, it has been officially announced in the Kuwaiti capital. The protocol was signed by (Al-They Nasir Muhammad), Kuwaiti information minister, and by (Grestes Gispert), vice president of the Cuban Institute of Radio and Television.

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MB311604 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese
0500 GMT 31 Oct 83

[Text] The president of the People's Republic of Angola, Comrade Jose Eduardo dos Santos, said yesterday that defense plans established in the country have dealt hard blows in recent months to the internal enemy, who are supported and trained by the external enemy, racist South Africa. In an interview with the Cuban press agency, PIRELA, President Jose Eduardo dos Santos also said that hundreds, if not thousands, of youths are joining the ranks of the People's Armed Forces for the Liberation of Angola and that hundreds of women are prepared to fulfill tasks in the rear in support of the Army. We are determined to wage this struggle to defend our independence, our revolution, and our fatherland, said the Angolan head of state. He also hailed the support that the Angolan people receive from countries of the socialist community.

The president said that the situation currently facing southern Africa is the result of the expansionist policy of South Africa, which occupies a large part of Cunene Province and a portion of Cuando Cubango Province and which also attacks Mozambique and Lesotho. The president denounced attempts by imperialism, particularly South Africa, to link the situation in southern Africa with the so-called East-West conflict in order to mask its true intentions to prevent the accession of Namibia to independence and to maintain South Africa under continued apartheid rule.

President Jose Eduardo dos Santos also expressed his solidarity with the Cuban people, particularly at this moment of grief brought about by the loss of Cuban nationals in Grenada, who have been victims of the U.S. invasion of the island. The president expressed the desire to turn Angola and Cuba into solid bastions of socialism and peace for the good of their respective peoples and mankind.

Science, Technology Agreement Signed With Cuba
AB311350 Luanda ANGOP in French 1200 GMT 29 Oct 83

[Text] Luanda, 29 October (ANGOP) A joint protocol relating to the general conditions for dispatching Cuban specialists to Angola in the field of science and technology was signed yesterday in Luanda at the end of the fifth session of the Angolan-Cuban Intergovernmental Cooperation Commission. The agreement was signed for Angola by Planning Minister Lopo do Nascimento and for Cuba by Hector Rodriguez Jompert, chairman of the State Economic Cooperation Committee.

On this occasion, Lopo do Nascimento, on behalf of the Angolan Government, thanked the Cuban Government for the concrete and objective manner in which it shows its friendship for and solidarity with other people and deplored the death of the Cuban internationalists on the island of Grenada.

SWATF Discloses UNITA Control of Border Area
MB311901 Johannesburg SAPA in English 1401 GMT
31 Oct 83

[Text] Windhoek, Oct 31, SAPA A contingent of the Angolan rebel movement, UNITA, has shifted westwards from the organisation's Cuando Cubango stronghold in south-eastern Angola and now mans a military base at Ngiva in southern Cunene Province, less than 100 km north of the SWA/Namibian border. According to a newspaper report in Windhoek today, UNITA has erected a signpost north of Oshikango in Owambo, on the border between SWA/Namibia and Angola. The signpost announces that UNITA controls the Oshikango checkpoint on what used to be the main road between SWA/Namibia and Angola.

"We have intelligence that UNITA is active north of Oshikango now," a spokesman for the SWA Territory Force (SWATF) said today. The Angolan movement's military presence in southern Cunene was its first major thrust back into the area since the Cuban-backed Angolan Government drove UNITA eastwards into Cuando Cubango in 1975. Southern Cunene was left by SWAPO logistical contingents, who retreated northwards beyond Cuban defence lines after security forces in SWA/Namibia carried out Operation Protea in 1978, aimed at rooting out SWAPO insurgents in the region.

The southern Angolan towns of Xangongo and Ngiva were still beyond Angolan Government control, more than two years after Operation Protea, the report said. The SWATF spokesman said security forces in SWA/Namibia had no ties with UNITA. Apart from intelligence reports that confirmed the presence of UNITA elements in southern Cunene, "we cannot comment on what is happening on the other side," he said.

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Statement Issued on Shooting of South Africans
MB310657 Gaborone Domestic Service in English 1125 GMT
30 Oct 83

[Text] An investigation has been launched into an incident in which two men were shot dead along the Chobe River in northern Botswana on Friday. This has been disclosed in a statement from the Office of the President today. The full text of the statement reads:

A report has been received that on 28 October 1983 at about 1730 and an antipoaching foot patrol consisting of four soldiers and a game scout walking along the Chobe River inside the park when they saw three men in motorboat. [sentence as heard] The men were accounting elephants crossing to the Caprivi by rushing at them with the boat. The patrol observed up to 11 elephants crossing in this way. The patrol tried to raise their base camp on the radio, but they were unsuccessful. Two of the soldiers then got a lift on a vehicle to Kasani, with a view to reporting the incident. The statement goes on to say

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[Begin recording -- unidentified woman] The forestry workers contingent is comprised of 500 internationalist workers. Since August, we have been in Angola, in Cabinda Province, and in (Mayombi) jungle. We can report to you that we have [word indistinct] harvested 14,000 cubic meters of lumber. In the heart of this jungle a main road has been opened. It is over 20 km long. Five campsites have been set up, and we are progressively improving the working conditions of the workers. This extraordinary productive goal has been realized with the participation of 100 Angolan workers who have demonstrated a great work spirit. We have found the greatest support from comrade (Armando Dembo), member of the MPLA-Labor Party Central Committee, and (Mario Cesar Fmraes), director of the Angolan enterprise. Commander in chief, this jungle recalls the first five Cuban fighters who joined the MPLA guerrillas in the struggle for a free, sovereign, and independent Angola. That first group of fighters was establishing the formation and consolidation of relations between our revolution and the Angolan revolution. It had its historic beginning in 1965 when you sent our unforgettable heroic guerrilla, Ernesto Che Guevara, who met in Brazzaville with President Agostino Neto to draw up the agreement that made this an historic date.

Long live President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos! [Crowd shouts "viva"]

Long live proletarian internationalism! [Crowd shouts "viva"]

Long live our Commander in Chief Fidel Castro! [Crowd shouts "viva"]

The struggle continues; victory is certain! Fatherland or death! We will win!
[Applause] [end recording]

KENYA'S MOI REJECTS ANGOLA-NAMIBIA LINK

FL040703 Havana Television Service in Spanish 0338 GMT 4 Nov 83

[Text] Kenyan President Daniel arap Moi has stated that it is inadmissible to link Namibia's independence with the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola. Arap Moi spoke at the 29th conference of the Commonwealth Parliament Association, which has opened in Nairobi to discuss the acute problems confronting that group of countries. The chief of state said that the Cuban presence in Angola responds to an agreement signed between two sovereign and completely independent states.

ETHIOPIAN PARTY DELEGATION ARRIVES FOR VISIT

FL020737 Havana Television Service in Spanish 0123 GMT 2 Nov 83

[Text] (Hachagre Yiketo), member of the Commission for Organizing the Party of the Working People of Ethiopia [COPWE] Central Committee, and the delegation accompanying him were today received by Jorge Lezcano Perez, vice president of the Peoples Government National Assembly [ANPP]. An explanation of the structure and operation of the ANPP was given at the meeting held between the Ethiopian delegation and Comrade Lezcano. Jose Aranaburo, secretary of the top government organ, and Ramiro del Rio, chief of the International Relations Department, also participated in the meeting.

MONTANE OROPESA RECEIVES TANZANTIAN DELEGATION

FL070207 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2230 GMT 7 Nov 83

[Text] Jesus Montane Oropesa, alternate member of the Politburo and member of the Secretariat, received a Tanzanian delegation headed by Sheikh [Seid Sharif Amau], a member of the Politburo of the Chama Cha Mapinduzi [CCM], Revolutionary Party of Tanzania, and chief of its Economic Department.

HART PARTICIPATES IN STUDY MEETING, UNESCO

Arrives in Rome

FL281422 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1100 GMT 28 Oct 83

[Text] Cuban Culture Minister Armando Hart arrived in Rome from Paris to participate in a study meeting on Jose Marti, organized by the Italo-Latin American Institute. Hart was met at the airport by Cuban Ambassador to Italy Roberto Mulet de Valle, Cuban Ambassador to the Vatican Manuel Estevez, Cuban Representative to the FAO Leopoldo Ariza, as well as by leaders of the Italo-Latin American Institute. Hart will address today's meeting after the inaugural address by Institute President Oscar Acosta.

Leaves After UNESCO Conference

FL030100 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2114 GMT 2 Nov 83

[Text] Armando Hart Davalos, member of the party's Political Bureau and minister of culture, left Paris today. The Cuban leader arrived in France on 25 October heading a delegation to the 22d ordinary session of the UNESCO General Conference currently being held at that organization's headquarters in Paris. During his stay in France, Hart spoke twice before the plenary session of the General Conference, denouncing the U.S. military invasion of Grenada and asking the organization's member-countries to condemn this aggression. The culture minister met with UNESCO Director General Amadou Mahtar M'bow, French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson, and other figures.

PCC'S SOTO MEETS WITH PCF LEADERS IN PARIS

FL012330 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2104 GMT 1 Nov 83

[Text] Lionel Soto, member of the Secretariat of the PCC Central Committee, met in Paris today with Andre Lajoinie, member of the Political Bureau of the French Communist Party [PCF]. During the meeting both political leaders discussed various international problems, especially the criminal invasion of Grenada by North American forces.

Particular attention was paid during the meeting to the development of fraternal, solidary, and friendly relations between the two parties. (Jean Charles Negret), an official of the International Department of the PCF, and Armando Garcia, an official of the General Department of Foreign Relations of the PCC Central Committee, also participated in the meeting. Lionel Soto was a guest at the PCF congress.

RISQUET HONORS FORESTRY WORKERS IN ANGOLA

FL282227 Havana Television Service in Spanish 1835 GMT 28 Oct 83

[Text] The Cuban contingent of internationalist forestry workers cooperating in the fraternal People's Republic of Angola have held a simple meeting headed by Jorge Risquet Valdes, member of the Cuban Communist Party [PCC] Central Committee Politburo. Also present were Rodolfo Fuentes Ferro, Cuban ambassador to Angola and alternate member of the PCC Central Committee, and Francisco Gonzalez Lopez, vice minister of agriculture and head of the Arnaldo Milian Castro forestry workers contingent. The group from Angola included (Armando Fandan Dembo), member of the MPLA-Labor Party Central Committee and its coordinator for Cabinda Province.

Reagan, with the apparent victory in Grenada as well as with disinformation about the true facts of the invasion, has managed to exploit national chauvinistic sentiments within domestic public opinion in order to gain support for his interventionist policy. With a majority in the Senate, the President and his advisers have achieved recent relative triumphs in their dangerous warmongering policy. The approval of economic and financial aid to counterrevolutionary Nicaraguan groups that attack their country from Honduras and Nicaragua and the budget approval to manufacture MX nuclear missiles are further steps toward their objectives of achieving military suzerainty against socialism and the countries which have chosen an independent path.

On the other hand, Reagan has recently said that in his policy of revitalizing imperialism, no one will stop him, that he is not afraid of anyone, and that he will use all means at his disposal to achieve his goal. Along these lines, he has strengthened his alliance with Israel to subjugate the peoples of the Middle East, and he will impose sanctions on any independent country that did not approve the invasion of Grenada. One proof of this is the announcement by the powerful Texaco Company that it is closing down its operations in Trinidad and Tobago, and so forth. After stating these facts, commentaries are not necessary. It is only necessary to ask: Will Reagan manage to take over the world? Will we be in the presence of a new Hitler?

HONDURAN REVOLUTIONARIES CONDEMN U.S. ACTIONS

FL082101 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1902 GMT 8 Nov 83

[Text] The Honduran revolutionary organizations have issued a call to remain alert against the possibility of fresh imperialist adventurism and criminal actions in Central America and the Caribbean. In a communique condemning the occupation of Grenada, the Honduran revolutionaries affirm that, if the United States intervenes in Central America, it will find the Central American peoples on a war footing and ready to make [the invader] bite the dust of defeat. It points out that neither the presumed security of U.S. citizens nor the request made by countries of the Eastern Caribbean community justify the savage violation of the principle of national self-determination.

SANDINIST CDR DELEGATION VISITS CUBAN COUNTERPART

FL082107 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1917 GMT 8 Nov 83

[Text] A delegation of the Sandinist Defense Committees is visiting its counterpart in Las Tunas Province to exchange information. The visit will last until tomorrow, Wednesday. The objective of the delegation, headed by (Milagros Leighton) -- a member of the National Secretariat of the Sandinist Defense Committees -- is to learn how the Cuban committee for the defense of the revolution runs its blood donation drives, and how it operates within the FAR and the Ministry of the Interior, among others.

GEN BATISTA DECORATES POLAND'S JARUZELSKI

FL081600 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1506 GMT 8 Nov 83

[Text] At a formal ceremony in Warsaw, the Order of Jose Marti, conferred by the Cuban Council of State, was awarded to Army General Wojciech Jaruzelski, first secretary of the Polish United Workers' Party and president of the Council of Ministers.

LAST GROUP OF CUBANS ARRIVES FROM GRENADA

PA090057 Paris AFP in Spanish 0039 GMT 9 Nov 83

[Text] Havana, 8 Nov (AFP) -- The last Cuban prisoners under the control of U.S. forces in Grenada -- 102 men and 9 women (including 1 Grenadian), as well as 3 children -- arrived in Havana at 0020 GMT Wednesday, raising the number of repatriates to 730.

As on previous occasions when prisoners returned, Cuban President Fidel Castro, accompanied by his brother Raul, minister of the FAR, as well as other ranking officials, were at the foot of the aircraft landing ramp when the Cuban prisoners arrived.

HAVANA COMMENTS ON GRENADA, U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

FL081458 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1100 GMT 8 Nov 83

[Text] Recent foreign policy steps by the U.S. Administration show that Reagan and his advisers are not interested in a political and negotiated settlement to international conflicts, but rather have decided to impose their hegemony on the world with a military formula.

This fact demonstrates their scorn for world public opinion. For example, the worldwide condemnations of the invasion of Grenada did not spoil Reagan's breakfast. But there is something more: The President and his supporters are indeed interested in strengthening their support for the allies, and in gaining favor in internal public opinion.

Two last-minute news dispatches received in our newsroom eloquently show the nuances of this policy. President Reagan has sent emissaries overseas, to Great Britain, France, and other nations, to explain to his allies the motives for the invasion of Grenada. As will be recalled, the French Government has publicly stated its disapproval of the aggression against the small Caribbean island, as did Italy and other NATO nations. Great Britain was critical of the invasion.

Another step was to send Special Ambassador (?Richard Solok) with the deceptive mission that Washington was interested in political negotiations. All of that was to try to quiet the voices of protest by isthmus leaders against the unjustifiable invasion of Grenada. With his NATO allies, Reagan showed himself to be for defense of the common interests of the North Atlantic pact, even bringing up the next military steps against Lebanon and the Middle East, the removal of missiles in Europe, and other aggressive actions. [sentence as heard]

In Central America, as Reagan talks, he is concentrating bases of 30,000 U.S. soldiers in Honduras and along the Pacific coast near Nicaragua and other countries of the region. He has taken urgent steps to reactivate CONDECA, an organization of Central American armies, the results of which have been the establishment of Guatemalan and Honduran divisions along the borders with El Salvador and Nicaragua.

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USSR ASKS LIBERIAN AMBASSADOR TO LEAVE

LD251558 Moscow TASS in English 1547 GMT 25 Nov 83

[Text] Moscow November 25 TASS -- In connection with an unfriendly act on the part of the Liberian authorities which under an artificial pretext declared the Soviet ambassador in Liberia persona non grata, the Soviet side, laying the entire responsibility between the two countries, suggested that Liberia's ambassador in the USSR should leave the Soviet Union.

SOVIET WARSHIPS MAKE 'FRIENDLY' VISIT TO ANGOLA

LD242241 Moscow Television Service in Russian 1400 GMT 24 Nov 83

[From the Vremya newscast]

[Text] A detachment of Soviet warships has been in Angola on a friendly visit. Jose Eduardo dos Santos, the chairman of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola and President of the People's Republic of Angola, visited the cruiser "Novorossiysk." In honor of the eminent guest an honor guard lined up and played the state anthems of the two countries. Jose Eduardo dos Santos addressed the personnel of the cruiser and said that the Soviet naval men were carrying out an important mission in defense of the peace and security of the peoples. Their visit to Angola serves the cause of strengthening Soviet-Angolan friendship. Dos Santos stated that the Angolans fully support the Soviet Union's peace initiatives, which are directed at disarmament, relaxation of international tension and preservation of peace on earth.

ANGOLAN LEADER REJECTS CUBAN TROOP REPLACEMENT

LD252141 Moscow TASS in English 1307 GMT 25 Nov 83

[Text] Luanda November 25 TASS -- The People's Republic of Angola is categorically rejecting the proposal that Cuban troops be replaced with a "multinational force", Vinancio de Moura, Angola's deputy foreign minister, said here. Such proposals are nothing else but a "linkage" of a Namibian settlement with the withdrawal of Cuban troops from the People's Republic of Angola, he pointed out.

It is precisely the USA and then the Republic of South Africa, which have put forward this plan with the aim of hampering the granting of independence to Namibia. But they forget that the Cuban internationalists are staying in the people's Republic of Angola at the request of the Angolan Government in keeping with Article 51 of the U.N. Charter, V De Moura pointed out. When the causes making the People's Republic of Angola and Cuba will study the possibility of a gradual withdrawal of the Cuban contingent. These causes are the incessant aggressive actions of the Republic of South Africa against the People's Republic of Angola, the penetration of gangs of the counter-revolutionary UNITA grouping from Namibia into Angola, the occupation by the Pretoria military of a part of Angola's Cunene Province.

Only the government, people and the MPLA-Workers' Party have the right to decide with whom they will cooperate in the cause of the defence of the revolution, of consolidating the gains that have been made and of building socialism. In rejecting the idea of replacing Cuban troops with a "multinational force", the Angolan people will not allow the emergence of a new Chad or Lebanon, the deputy minister stressed. We do it conscientiously, as a sovereign state, and can themselves choose friends. [sentence as received]

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UJC LEADER CARLOS LAGE BEGINS VISIT TO ANGOLA

FLO51625 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1528 GMT 5 Dec 83

[Text] Luanda -- Carlos Lage, first secretary of the Union of Young Communists [UJC] has arrived in the capital of Angola for a visit lasting several days. There are numerous Cuban internationalist collaborators in Angola.

CEMA MEETING ON PUBLIC HEALTH OPENS IN HAVANA

FLO52216 Havana Television Service in Spanish 1800 GMT 5 Dec 83

[Text] The 14th meeting of the CEMA Permanent Commission for Public Health began today at the Palace of Conventions, attended by representatives from nine socialist countries and three invited nations.

Sergey Petrovich Burenkov, chairman of the Permanent Commission and minister of health of the Soviet Union, made a speech during the opening session. He said the possibilities for cooperation among CEMA member countries are wide-ranging and should be fully utilized. The meeting will examine topics dealing with malignant illnesses, organ and tissue transplants, and production of medicines and medical equipment through the year 2000.

NATIONAL CONSTRUCTORS DAY MARKED IN SANTIAGO

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[Text] The commander in chief has sent a letter of congratulations to the constructors of Santiago Province. This letter was read by Jorge Risquet Valdes, member of the Politburo, during the ceremony that marked the National Day of the Constructor that was commemorated just a few minutes ago in Santiago, Cuba.

[Begin Risquet recording] Dear Constructors: I wish to send sincere congratulations and a strong embrace to the constructors of the province of Santiago, Cuba, who with their perspiration, efficiency, and revolutionary spirit, have achieved an outstanding record on obtaining the seat of the national ceremony commemorating the Day of the Constructor for the fourth consecutive time.

It is really very stimulating that the constructors of Santiago, together with all other workers and the people of that heroic land, can hail, in such a dignified way, the 25th anniversary of the liberation of their city and the victory of the revolution. [end recording]

The ceremony, which for the fifth time -- fourth consecutive time -- has been celebrated in this province, took place on the squad ground of the old Moncada Barracks. Jaime Crombet, member of the Central Committee, and Jose Ramon Balaguer, member of the Central Committee and first secretary of the party in Santiago, Cuba, also presided over the ceremony.

Pedro Fernandez, secretary general of the National Construction Union, said during the ceremony that the Cuban hard hats will continue to work with the spirit of those who fought in Grenada. Alexander Dimitrov, head of the Bulgarian Fidel Castro Construction Brigade, received the Armando Mestre Medal for his merits as an internationalist.

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[Excerpts] At the Cidadela sports stadium in Luanda yesterday morning Angolan children put on a beautiful, colorful, and cheery show of physical training, dance, and sports on the occasion of the Angolan Pioneers Day, marking the death of the heroic pioneer (Augusto Ngangula), who was murdered by the Portuguese colonialists exactly 15 years ago.

The ceremony, which was attended by the chairman of the party and president of the republic, Comrade Jose Eduardo dos Santos, other party and state officials, party youth officials, members of social mass organizations, and representatives of the diplomatic corps accredited to Angola, was attended by delegates to the international tribunal Children Accuse Imperialism, which brought together in Luanda children from various parts of the world, who, jointly with representatives of other organizations, conducted a trial of imperialism.

The high point of the ceremony was the reading of the Luanda declaration of the Children Accuse Imperialism tribunal, which explains the objectives of the tribunal, summarizes its proceedings briefly, and announces the decisions of the tribunal. The declaration condemns all the practices of imperialism in Africa, Asia, Central America, and the Middle East, as well as the installation of medium-range nuclear missiles in Western Europe by the United States in cooperation with Western countries.

Concerning southern Africa, the declaration condemns the linkage policy through which the United States and South Africa want to make the independence of Namibia conditional on the withdrawal of the Cuban internationalist troops from Angola. It demands the immediate application of Resolution 435 of the UN Security Council and the unconditional immediate withdrawal of the South African troops who have for more than 2 years occupied parts of Angolan territory. Further regarding southern Africa, the declaration condemns the imperialist actions against the states of the region, demanding the end to such actions which destabilize and hinder the harmonious development of these countries and the immediate liberation of the peoples of Namibia and South Africa, which also have the right to self-determination and independence.

In this context, the declaration condemns the imperialist support for the South African racists expressed in the delivery of modern weapons that Pretoria uses in the intensification of colonial oppression, racism, repression, and aggression against the front-line states. It hails the victorious advance of the liberation struggle of the peoples of Namibia and South Africa. Concerning South Africa, the declaration condemns the sham constitutional reforms effected by the white minority in South Africa, which seeks to break the unity of action of the people in that country. It considers that apartheid cannot be reformed.

The condemnation of imperialist maneuvers and atrocities in Central America is also mentioned in the Luanda declaration of

the tribunal, which stresses that the imperialist attacks against the peoples of Nicaragua and El Salvador as well as the support to the fascist regimes of the region and the threats against Cuba aggravate the already difficult situation of the peoples and worsen the already precarious situation of the children in Latin America in general and Central America in particular.

The declaration also condemns the American aggression against Grenada, which represents a brutal violation of international law, as well as the constant aggressions against Nicaragua from Costa Rica and Honduras.

The declaration gives particular emphasis to the Middle East, condemning the imperialist plots against the peoples of the region as expressed in the direct military intervention of the United States and Israel in Lebanon, and it supports the struggle of the Palestinian people for the fulfillment of their legitimate right to their own independent and sovereign state.

Concerning central and north Africa the declaration condemns the imperialist intervention in the internal affairs of Chad and the intransigence of Morocco in refusing to negotiate the independence of the Saharan people with the Polisario Front.

Concerning Asia, the declaration hails the efforts of the Vietnamese people, who are building a just society in difficult conditions to ensure a better future for their children. The Luanda declaration condemns the imperialist maneuvers in Asia, particularly the actions against the DPRK, Afghanistan, and Kampuchea. It calls for the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of American troops from South Korea and condemns the creation of a pact between the United States, South Korea, and Japan.

The declaration expresses its solidarity with the people of Cyprus and condemns the proclamation of independence by the Turkish Cypriots as an imperialist maneuver against the interests of Cyprus. It condemns the occupation of East Timor by Indonesia, as well as the genocide against the Mauber people, who are fighting for their self-determination and independence.

It must be stressed that this declaration is not final because some delegates to the international tribunal have not yet analyzed it.

Cuban Youth Delegation Arrives in Luanda on Visit
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 0500 GMT 5 Dec 83

[Text] Carlos Davila, first secretary of the Cuban Union of Young Communists, has been in Luanda since yesterday at the head of a delegation of his organization.

On their arrival in the country's capital, Carlos Davila and the delegation were welcomed by (Domingos Bartolomeu), first national secretary of the Youth of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola. According to the established itinerary, the delegation of the Cuban Union of Young Communists was expected to visit the (Funda) commune yesterday.

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All of this activity has systematically been accompanied by intensive air force and artillery attacks. We would like to stress at this point that the air force attacks have usually been carried out in a formation of 4 to 18 airplanes. The enemy artillery fire lasts from 5 to 75 minutes.

A similar situation occurred in the town of Cuvelai, which the enemy attacked from the rear after failing to capture it in its head-on attack. With the aim of preventing any support from reaching Cuvelai, the enemy captured the town of Cassinga after intensive blows. In Caiundo, the enemy column was ambushed by one of our units as it was leaving the area. Our glorious FAPLA forces killed six enemy soldiers, as stated earlier by the comrade deputy minister, and captured all this weaponry that you see here and one prisoner. In view of this situation, the South African Air Force, acting in support of this enemy column belonging to the 202d Battalion, launched an intensive bombardment of the town of Caiundo and brought in troops. It also moved in its helicopters to collect the wounded and dead.

This South African action against our country is designed to divert the main attention of our armed forces from annihilating the UNITA puppet group which is barbarically massacring the local population in the central provinces to the north and preventing the harmonious economic and social development of our country. We therefore understand the reason for this new escalation of the South African aggression against our country.

There are no (longer) SWAPO comrades in the regions that are being attacked. Only our people are there. Cassinga, which has been attacked and had its population massacred in previous years, is a mining region which had recently begun to explore for iron ore. The enemy attacked and destroyed it, and it is still destroying it at this moment and massacring the people there. As a matter of fact, there are no SWAPO comrades here as well. Even in Caiundo, there are no SWAPO comrades.

The South Africans are carrying out at this moment this escalation of aggression against our country. The combat is continuing today. At 0700 today, the South African Air Force in a formation of up to 28 airplanes again intensively bombed the towns of Cuvelai, Mulondo, and Cahama. So far we have suffered several casualties, with several dead and wounded. The South Africa enemy is under control as of now, since the combat is still taking place.

As stated by the comrade deputy minister, a 155-mm artillery battery and six AME-90 and AME-70 armored vehicles have been put out of action in the Cahama region. Also in Cahama, the anti-aircraft units destroyed two enemy Mirage fighter airplanes. In Mulondo, an Impala airplane has been hit and a Mirage airplane has also been hit in Cuvelai, as well as in Caiundo.

In conclusion, we can say that the final South African objective consists of the expansion of the area it occupies in our country, contrary to what it alleged in its letter to his excellency the UN secretary general regarding the withdrawal of its forces. What it intends to achieve is the expansion of the strip of our national territory which it has been occupying in Cunene Province. [end recording]

Congolese Presidential Visit Planned for 27 Dec
MB240716 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese
 0500 GMT 24 Dec 83

[Text] Denis Sassou-Nguesso, chairman of the Congolese Workers Party and president of the People's Republic of the Congo, will make an official and working visit to the People's Republic of Angola on 27 and 28 December. The visit is in response to an invitation made by Comrade Jose Eduardo dos Santos, Angolan head of state. This report reached our newsroom yesterday through a communique issued by the press office of the Angolan Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

MPLA Sends Greetings Message to Cuban Workers
MB241100 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese
 0500 GMT 24 Dec 83

[Text] The MPLA-Labor Party Political Bureau has sent a greetings message to the Cuban internationalists in the People's Republic of Angola who (?are struggling) in several parts of the country, thus contributing to the development of this fatherland. After noting party and government cooperation and the relations between the Angolan and Cuban peoples, which have been further strengthened in the light of the proletarian internationalism, the Political Bureau stresses in its message to the Cubans the exemplary attitude of solidarity which guides the Cubans who are so cooperative, as well as the courage and dignity that has always been displayed in their activities. The party also appreciates all the work that has been done by the Cuban internationalists, and expresses its total recognition to the compromise stand with the Angolan revolutionary process.

The message also says that only close solidarity among the world's revolutionaries can dismantle and isolate imperialism, whose aggressive and inhuman nature can be seen in the increase in the arms race and the focus of tension which are designed to provoke a direct confrontation among the peace loving countries.

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Official Disputes RSA Reply on Alleged Plot
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[Text] The minister of information and broadcasting, Mr D.T. Sixishe, today rejected the statement made by the South African foreign and information minister, Mr Pik Botha, in which he said that the allegations of a mercenary plot against Lesotho were unfounded. Mr Sixishe said that Mr Botha wanted to minimize

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